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World Court to rule on hostage case today

THE HAGUE, Dec. 14 (Agencies) — The International Court of Justice will rule Saturday on the American plea for an order to release the 50 hostages in Tehran.

A court official announced Friday Sir Humphrey Waldock of Britain will read the decision of the court in a public session.

The United States presented its claim today to the 19 justices of the court, who represent the world's various legal systems and act as the main judicial body of the United Nations.

Iran Monday sent a telegram to the court asking that it "cannot and should not take cognizance" of the U.S. suit.

In Washington, officials said Friday the administration is pondering whether to ask the United Nations to impose economic sanctions against Iran if the hostages are not set free.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance was planning to discuss the issue with President Carter's return Friday from a trip through European capitals to marshal support for U.S. moves against Iran.

In Brussels, Vance's last port of call, a senior U.S. official was quoted Thursday as saying that the United States had decided in principle to seek a U.N. Security Council vote favor of sanctions.

But in Washington the State Department did not decide yet whether to make. Spokesman Tom Reston told reporters that sanctions were just one of a whole range of steps being considered on Vance's European mission.

Meanwhile, Carter said he saw some substantial change in expectations and demands of Iranian militants who have been holding the hostages since Nov. 4.

He told a group of journalists that the captives' original hope that the United States would be blackmailed into sending the Shah to trial "has now been lowered," and may be dropped altogether.

He also said that another early threat, to let the captives on trial as war criminals, "to some degree has been changed."

Carter pledged that he would continue to struggle for the quick release of the hostages. "We will not let it become a dormant issue," he said.

In Tabriz meanwhile, supporters of Iran's socialist religious leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, have staged an enormous show of strength, suggesting that the country's latest regional crisis is far from over.

About half a million Turkish-speaking Azerbaijanis roared with approval in the city center Thursday as demands for greater local self-rule and amendments to Iran's new constitution were read out over loudspeakers at a peaceful demonstration.

In a startling departure from recent practice, state television Thursday night showed Iranian viewers a long report of the Tabriz events, including film of the huge crowds

chanting "Shariat-Madari, we are all your soldiers."

There was no immediate explanation for the television's lengthy coverage of the Tabriz rally, which it said included "thousands of people" demonstrating.

In a later television interview, Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, leader of the ruling Revolutionary Council's peace mission to Azerbaijan, said misinformation by radio and television was one of the causes of the Tabriz unrest.

"Part of the background to the Tabriz troubles is that radio and television have not been telling people the truth," Bani-Sadr said.

The Tabriz crowds, while demanding limits to the powers the strict constitution gives Khomeini, pledged their loyalty to Iran's revolutionary leader, chanting "the whole world should know that Khomeini is our leader."

Bani-Sadr whose peace mission has so far only met mostly pro-Khomeini leaders in Tabriz, offered no concessions to the unruly Azerbaijanis in his interview. Instead, he invited them to join other Iranians in building the country's progressive forces.

The Tehran authorities appear to have dropped their initial denunciations of the Tabriz rebels as plotters, U.S. stooges and agents of imperialism, Zionism, and SAVAK.

The demonstration heard demands which imitated to the letter the program of the Muslim People's Republican Party (MPRP), which claims Shariat-Madari as its spiritual leader.

Earlier this week, Khomeini accused MPRP members of not being Muslims, a remark pointedly contradicted the next day by Shariat-Madari.

Clashes between factions supporting the two leading ayatollahs erupted into violence in Azerbaijan last weekend in which seven people died and at least 35 were injured.

Units of the para-military gendarmes marched with the Tabriz protesters Thursday in what local people said was the biggest demonstration ever held in the city.

Rebels from Kurdistan sent messages of support.

A team of Western ambassadors may meanwhile visit the Americans held hostage in the next day or two as Khomeini's regime steps up its efforts to influence the international community.

Ambassadors from a dozen countries met Thursday with Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh to discuss the visits, only hours after Khomeini gave approval for independent observers to see the Americans.

The diplomats were from Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Greece, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.



Giscard d'Estaing

France backs increased role for Palestine

PARIS, Dec. 14 (AP) — President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing has demanded that a Mideast settlement "find for the Palestinian people the place in the region to which they are entitled."

Accepting the credentials of the new ambassador of Egypt, Mubammad Kamal el Din Khalil, and of Bahrain, Salman al Sabagh, Giscard d'Estaing said he believed a solution had to be based "on the recognition by all the parties of their respective legitimate rights."

He called the Palestinians "the very heart of the conflict."

In Cairo, British undersecretary for Foreign Affairs Boughland Howard said Thursday that Britain did not believe the seven-month-old talks on Palestinian autonomy would provide "total and final" solutions to all the problems confronting them.

Howard, who is on a tour of the Middle East to gain first-hand knowledge of developments in the area, arrived in Cairo Thursday coming from Israel. He spoke to reporters after meeting for an hour and a half with Egypt's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali.

He said that after hearing both points of view on the tripartite autonomy negotiations he "certainly hoped" they would provide a solution.

"We believe the autonomy talks will not provide a total and final solution to all the problems, but if they can succeed they will be an important step forward," Howard said.

The Egyptian-Israeli-American talks on self-rule for the 1.5 million Palestinians living in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip have stalled over differing Egyptian and Israeli interpretations of the extent of authority to be given an elected Palestinian council.

Meanwhile two top Israeli Foreign Ministry officials will fly to Cairo Tuesday for talks on normalizing relations between Israel and Egypt, an Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman said Thursday.

Washington visit

Iran, Rhodesia top Thatcher agenda

LONDON, Dec. 14 (AP) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher meets U.S. President Jimmy Carter in Washington Monday at a time when each leader could use the other's help in delicate situations.

Rhodesia, where Britain has gambled by sending in a governor in advance of a peace agreement, and Iran, where Carter needs strong backing for non-military efforts to free U.S. hostages, are to figure prominently in wide-ranging discussions.

Other prime topics include Northern Ireland.

Mrs. Thatcher departs Sunday on a Royal Air Force jet for her first U.S. visit as prime minister. After the White House meeting Monday she is to visit the Pentagon and talk with members of the Congress.

Tuesday she flies to New York to meet top United Nations officials and address the Foreign Policy Association before flying home Tuesday night.

Elected May 3 in a groundswell of reaction against the Labor government's Socialist policies, Mrs. Thatcher and her Conservative government have made bold and sweeping changes to restore free enterprise to Britain. But she has lost popularity in the process.

The 54-year-old politician draws no cheers



Margaret Thatcher

by-election test Thursday, but there was a 4.4 per cent swing toward the laborites.

Mrs. Thatcher claims her cuts in government spending and boosts in interest rates — mortgages now are 15 per cent — are bitter medicine necessary to put Britain back on its feet economically. The government says it will be up to two years before the benefits are felt.

Of more immediate concern is the continuing war in Rhodesia, and Mrs. Thatcher is counting on American tactical and political help.

Governor Lord Soames was dispatched early in hopes of holding onto gains achieved in 14 week talks and of pressuring the Patriotic Front Guerrillas into accepting British cease-fire.

Venezuela raises prices of crude oil

CARACAS, Dec. 14 (R) — Venezuela has raised the basic average price of its crude oil from \$18 to \$24 a barrel with effect from Friday, Mines and Energy Minister Humberto Calderon Berti said.

Calderon said the increased prices would not be charged to central American and Caribbean countries, at least until the end of the year, in view of the problems faced by developing countries.

The increase aimed at making prices more realistic and bringing order to the chaos in marketing petroleum caused by speculation in the spot market, where prices were more than 40 dollars a barrel, he said.

Venezuela, the world's seventh-largest oil producer and exporter, has a daily output of 2.35 million barrels. It exports 1.9 million barrels a day, half of which is crude oil and the rest in refined products.

Calderon told a press conference the increases included a rise to \$26.75 from \$22.45 a barrel for the lightest 34 degrees API crude, and to \$15.40 from \$12.80 for a barrel of the heaviest 10 degrees

API crude.

Premiums will not be charged on top of the new price ahead of the Caracas OPEC conference on Monday.

Calderon said OPEC's long-term planning committee would study the strengthening of the organization's Special Fund for Developing Countries and plans to turn it into a bank in the medium term.

He was confident that by next year OPEC would have established new mechanisms to satisfy the petroleum needs of developing countries.

In Washington the U.S. State Department warned that new oil price increases are not justified, in view of energy conservation measures adopted by the United States and other industrialized countries.

Asked for comment on reports that producer nations plan a price increase department spokesman Thomas Reston said this is part of a pattern of price hikes over the past year which has caused "very serious harm" to the world economy.

Gold hits record; dollar healthy

LONDON, Dec. 14 (R) — The price of gold broke yet another record Friday although the dollar looked more healthy than it has during the last few days of anxiety on world money markets.

Gold was set at a record fixing-price of \$459.50 an ounce on the London bullion market, but this was slightly below Thursday night's closing levels of trading when it reached \$461.25 an ounce.

The foreign exchange markets appeared to have calmed down from their nervousness of the past three days during which gold has hit a record fixing price each day and the dollar has fallen against most major currencies. Earlier this week gold was trading at less than \$440 an ounce.

The reason for the gold and currency upsets is reported by dealers to be market fears about the prospect of higher oil prices.

The dollar, however, was making a recovery Friday on European foreign exchange markets.

The pound sterling traded at \$2.1972, down on Thursday's \$2.2050. The pound was slightly affected by news that Britain's annual inflation rate has risen from 17.2 per cent to 17.4 per cent, the highest level for two and a half years.

The dollar traded at 1.7383 West German marks (compared with 1.7330 Thursday, 1.6057 Swiss francs (1.5950), 4.0762 French francs (4.6057) and 241.5 yen (240.80).

Tanker burning in Hormuz

MUSCAT, Oman, Dec. 14 (AP) — The Liberian-flag oil supertanker *Energy Determination* has been reported as badly burning and drifting in the Hormuz Strait off the tip of Oman Peninsula.

But the ship's agents, the Gulf Agency in Dubai, Thursday said the 320,000-ton vessel was not facing an immediate danger of sinking.

"And she is not exactly in the shipping lanes," said agency spokesman, Tor Sandgren, indicating there was no danger to traffic in the strategic entrance to the Gulf.

Most of the Western world's crude oil imports pass through the narrow, U-shaped strait.

Reports last summer warned of possible acts of sabotage against oil tankers in the Gulf in the wake of the Islamic revolution in Iran and fears of Western military intervention to



Abdul Aziz Al-Thunayan

Swiss mission visits Riyadh

RIYADH, Dec. 14 — A Swiss delegation led by Economy Minister Fritz Honegger arrived here Friday from Jeddah, where they had flown in early in the morning. The team will attend meetings of the Saudi-Swiss Joint Commission.

Accompanying Honegger is his advisor on energy affairs, Benedict von Tschamer, who is also the Swiss representative to the International Energy Agency. Fritz Leutwiler, the chairman of the Swiss National Bank, will be joining the team.

Today's arab news includes a special 12-page advertising and editorial supplement on Switzerland.

Khaled's envoy back from Gulf shuttle

RIYADH, Dec. 14 (SPA) — A special messenger from King Khaled has returned here after taking messages to the leaders of Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

The messenger, Deputy Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Thunayan, returned here Thursday after leaving Wednesday for the four capitals.

The messages dealt with bilateral relations and matters of mutual interest. In Baghdad Thunayan was received by President Saddam Hussein, in Kuwait by Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and in Doha by Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al-Thani.

In Abu Dhabi he was received by UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan and his son, Gen. Khalifa bin Zayed, crown prince and deputy supreme commander of the UAE armed forces.

In another development the results of the investigation into the incident at the Holy Haram in Mecca will be made public within a week, informed sources here told *Arab News*. The attackers "have confessed their crimes and feel sorry, but regretting won't help," the sources told the newspaper.

Arab News has also learned that the military leader of the group, Juhaimeen Al-Oteibi, was once a member of the National Guard, but was dismissed for immorality and misbehavior.

Sources said he was a homosexual, and that after his dismissal from the National Guard he became a narcotics and alcohol smuggler. "He was a dangerous drug addict and drunkard, and those vices twisted his mind," and caused him to commit the desecration of the Holy Haram, a source said.

Authorities were already on his track for his drug and liquor activities when the mosque incident took place, the sources said, but he had escaped being captured on several occasions.

Sources also told the newspaper that reports that the attackers had carried their weapons into the Grand Mosque in coffins were inaccurate.

They said that on Nov. 20, the day the raid took place, the attackers first weapons were concealed in their loose robes. Later that day, two pickup trucks containing arms and supplies were driven into the tunnels underneath the mosque.

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During Mecca incident

Fahd lauds support of Saudi people

RIYADH, Dec. 14 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd has spoken of the high levels of public awareness in Saudi Arabia.

In a statement to the Saudi Press Agency, he said that the wonderful way the people gathered round the ruler during and after the siege at the Holy Haram was the greatest evidence of that awareness, and of the ability of Saudi Arabians to discriminate between right and wrong.

He regretted the contradictory and misleading coverage of the criminal assault by foreign information media.

Prince Fahd said that since the first moment of desecration, the Kingdom opened the door wide to whoever wanted to see for themselves and discuss whatever they wanted about what was happening. "But despite all this, we kept hearing imaginary stories written by people who did not know the nature of Saudi Arabia and the character of its people, written just for the sake of alleging things

and creating unrest."

"But," he said, "Saudi Arabia is used to such misleading reporting. We are now immune to it."

"We are so sure of ourselves and our people that we reveal everything, because we have nothing to hide or conceal."

Unfortunately, he said, that sort of slander "has become a daily occurrence in the world, since the beginning of the 20th century."

"As the telecommunications and transport have covered the whole Earth, including our area, we receive all the news of the world, except that the Saudi Arabian people digest the useful information and reject the harmful."

He said "We will pursue our contacts with the rest of the world, mix and give and take from the outside world; but in as much as the exchange is in line with our culture, values, history and Islamic heritage."

Prince Fahd said "We shall never allow violence to replace



Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani dialogue within our society, which is based on the principles of love, consultation and equality; and we shall have no mercy for anyone tempted to disturb the peace and security of our country. Rulers here keep their door open to any opinion, suggestion, plea or complaint."

"We shall not let the crime committed in the Holy Haram pass without examining it carefully, studying it, analysing it and going into its minutest details."

"If there had been any shortcoming that those renegades exploited to sneak their weapons into the Holy Haram, then we must avoid that shortcoming in the future. It would be grave if that shortcoming is allowed again, and this will be the joint responsibility of the people and the rulers on an equal basis."

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani meanwhile Thursday hailed the Arab rejection of all sorts of allegations and slander.

He pointed in particular to "certain Arab nationals who used the media to attack their Arab world and their individual countries."

That is the cheapest thing, to get rich at the expense of their fatherland."

He also said that it was noticeable that some foreign news agencies, papers and information centers have tried to harm the Arab world and mar its image abroad, especially when speaking of issues that share destiny and development plans. They also seem intent on discrediting Arabs and Muslims in the eyes of the world.

He added "It is no more a matter of plotting strategies or working out plans to face such tendentious campaigns, as much as it is now a question of truth, honor and awareness of the dimensions of what we do for the problems of our countries."

But, at the same time, Dr. Yamani said, "we must not forget to pay tribute to honest foreign journalists and agencies for their opinion, suggestion, plea or complaint about our problems."

Meanwhile, Gen. Muhammad ibn Hilal, commander of the Special Security Forces and of the joint forces that participated in the clearing of the Holy Haram, has cabled his thanks and appreciation to King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd.

He thanked the King and the Crown Prince for their generosity in issuing a royal decree providing that the state will look after the families of the servicemen who died or were wounded in the battle to clear the Holy Haram.

It was meanwhile announced Friday in Riyadh that over SR3,234,000 more has been donated to the fund for dependents of soldiers killed during the battle. That is in addition to SR17 million and two houses donated just before the weekend.

WEATHER

Temperatures will continue to fall in the northern region, because of low air pressure, and cloud will thicken in the area. This weather may affect the western and central regions.

In other parts, it will be moderate the day and cool at night with fog in the early morning in the eastern coast, parts of the central and northern regions.

Winds will be active in most areas causing occasional sand haze. Conditions in the Red Sea will be medium to rough and light in the Gulf.

Friday's temperatures (Maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	32	20	Jizan	32	24
Jeddah	28	21	Wajh	23	15
Riyadh	21	12	Turaif	13	03
Dhahran	25	16	Arar	18	02
Medina	24	13	Sulayyel	29	12
Taif	23	09	Abha	21	05

Governor on development

Hasa projects cost SR1b

DAMMAM, Dec. 14 (SPA) — Governor of Hasa Prince Muhammad ibn Fahd ibn Juwair said Friday that development projects in Hasa, have cost SR 1.23 billion. That includes those completed and those still under construction.

Officials of government departments in Hasa meet every Tuesday to discuss the development process. They recently approved a site for the new air port, near Arba mountain in Hofuf, close to the ring road.

Prince Muhammad said that among major projects was a football stadium, costing SR 176 million, which can hold 10,000 people. It also has a youth hoster and sports hall.

Also underway are a veterinary hospital worth SR70 million, a project for building private banks, which cost SR 35 million, a gift from King Khalid to the farmers of the area.

A date factory has been **Hasa charity gets SR 58,000**

HASA, Dec. 14 (SPA) — Hasa Philanthropic Society announced Friday it has received further donations of SR58,000.

The society thanked the donors for their assistance to their needy brothers.

finished, at a cost of SR15 million.

A sewage and drainage system which cost SR230 million is nearly complete. There are also studies underway for bringing drinking water from wells 55 kilometers to the west, and for building a desalination plant at Ujair port to supply water to the area, Prince Muhammad said.

There are also educational projects in hand, among which is the Faculty of Education approved by the government. The Municipality of Hasa has completed the first phase of the project for the beautification of Hasa, which cost SR96 million. The second phase, worth SR107 million will be awarded shortly, Prince Muhammad said.

The industrial area in Hofuf to be built by the Ministry of Industry and Electricity, will cost SR74 million.

Expansion work on the telephone network will start next week, involving an extra 4,000 telephone lines and bringing the total in the area to 10,000. Thirty public telephone boxes will be constructed. Hasa has already been linked to the microwave network.

The municipalities of Hasa, Uman and Iyun will grant land plots to poor people. In the city of Hasa, the land will be distributed in two months.

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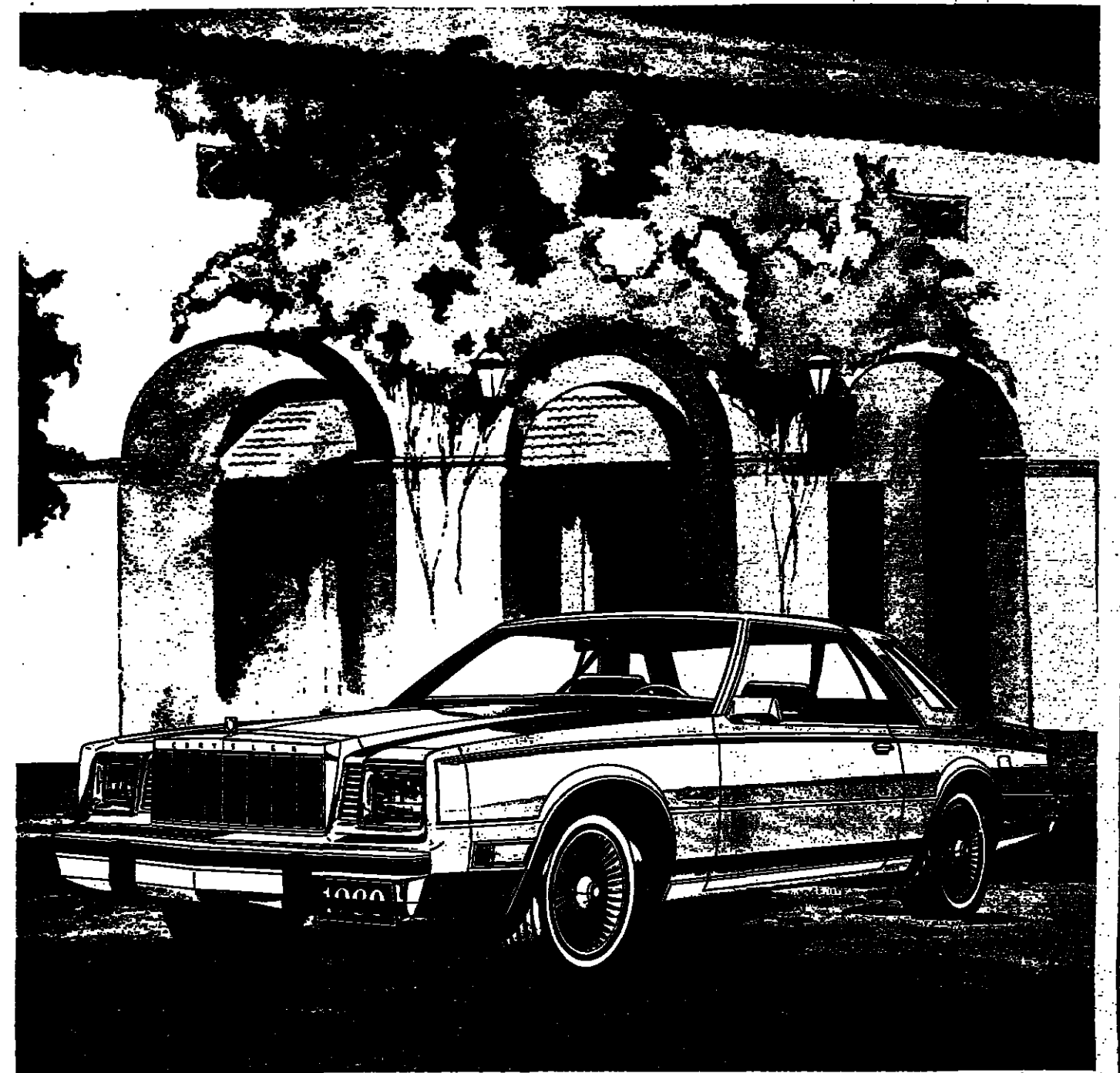


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In retaliatory actions

Key Afghan aides said slain in Kabul

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14 (AP) — Snipers and raiders ambushed and killed several high Afghan officials and their families in Kabul this month in a revenge for alleged political executions, a report from Afghanistan says.

Armed urban residents have slain at least 36 senior members and officials of the ruling Khalq Party in recent days, said a reliable informant in the capital. There

was no independent confirmation of the report.

If true, the report could mean that the 19-month rebellion in the rugged Afghan countryside has reached Kabul.

According to the informant, the death strikes were by local citizens, not by the armed bands of devout Muslim villagers, tribesmen and army deserters who are waging a "holy war" outside the cities against the government of President Hafizullah Amin.

The raids, apparently mostly at night, were said to be in retaliation for the deaths of 12,000 political prisoners whose names, several sources said, were posted last month outside the interior ministry in Kabul.

The report said victims of the revenge killing included the commander, identified as Gulazaman, and the staff chief of the 80 army division, based near Kabul, and nearly a dozen family members, all slain in or near their homes.

Two high-ranking civilian victims mentioned in the report were Sayed Ishaq, vice president of the government monopoly corporation, purportedly shot dead near his home Dec. 5, and Ewaz Ali Rahbeeni, vice chairman of the foreign relations department of the planning ministry, shot down as he walked from his car to his house last Friday.

There was no report of how the raiders penetrated security, which has been reported heavy in the capital, or if they escaped or any were captured.

Egypt to raise cigarette, gas prices by 20%

CAIRO, Dec. 14 (R) — The Egyptian government plans to raise the price of gasoline and cigarettes by almost 20 per cent in the new year to meet the cost of increased subsidies on essential goods, the semi-official newspaper *Al-Ahram* said Friday.

Al-Ahram said Premier Mustafa Khalil also proposed a 50 per cent cut in government spending, in a report on Egypt's draft 1980 budget.

The paper said Khalil told parliamentary representatives of the ruling National Democratic Party (NDP) that the draft budget included wage and pension rises for civil servants and public sector workers.

In the proposals, a liter of gasoline will go up from 11 piasters (about 16 U.S. cents) to 13 piasters (about 18 cents). A pack of locally made cigarettes will cost 31 piasters (about 45 cents) instead of 28 piasters (about 40 cents).

Turkish city under curfew as rival factions clash

ISTANBUL, Dec. 14 (AP) — Authorities imposed a night curfew in Amasya, in central Turkey, Thursday after an armed fighting between rival factions left one killed and two seriously wounded, the state radio reported.

The radio said the fighting was triggered by sniping on a group of left-wing youths in a district of Amasya, about 350 kilometers northeast of Ankara.

The province is not covered under martial law that is in force in 19 of Turkey's 67 provinces. There have been scattered politi-

cal terrorism in Amasya in the past.

Meanwhile, schools were closed in Ereğli, in central Konya province, after unidentified assailants opened pistol fire on police patrols and a police station. Nobody was reported wounded in the attacks.

In an effort to stem political terrorism, Turkish Premier Suleyman Demirel announced Thursday that his minority government will give priority to a package of anti-terrorism bills pending in the National Assembly.

U.N. raps Israeli practices in occupied Arab territories

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 14 (R) — The General Assembly has condemned certain Israeli practices in the occupied territories and affirmed the applicability of the 1949 Geneva Convention on the protection of civilians in time of war.

Another resolution declared that changes in the geographical and demographic composition of the territories captured by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war had no validity and were an obstacle to peace.

All three drafts were called up from the assembly's special political committee Wednesday.

The first draft, adopted by a vote of 111 to two against (Israel and the United States) with 31 abstentions, condemned practices listed as including: Israeli annexation of the territories; the establishment of new Israeli settlements and expansion of existing ones; the evacuation, displacement and deportation of Arab inhabitants; mass arrests and ill-treatment of prisoners and torture of detainees; pillaging of archeological and cultural property; interference with the religious freedoms of inhabitants; and illegal exploitation of the natural resources and wealth of the territories.

The second resolution affirmed that the 1949 Geneva Convention was applicable to the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem.

The final resolution determined that all measures and actions taken by Israel designed to change the legal status, geographical nature and demographic composition of the territories "have no legal validity."

Japan envoys urge PLO recognition

TOKYO, Dec. 14 (R) — Japanese ambassadors to the Near and Middle East have called on their government to increase its contact with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) with a view to recognizing the PLO as representing the Palestinian people, foreign ministry sources said. In their proposal submitted Thursday to the government after a three-day meeting, the envoys said a settlement of the Palestine problem was essential to peace in the Middle East.

W. Bank leaders to resist autonomy

TEL AVIV, Dec. 14 (R) — Palestinian leaders from the occupied West Bank met again Thursday night to express their opposition to the Israeli-Egyptian peace accord and attempts to grant limited autonomy to the residents of the territory. Speakers at the meeting, called as "a social gathering" because political assemblies are banned by the Israeli military government, said their struggle had now moved from the "stage of protest to resistance."

Linowitz bullish on autonomy talks

TEL AVIV, Dec. 14 (AP) — Sol Linowitz, America's special ambassador to the Israeli-Egyptian negotiations on Palestinian autonomy, met Prime Minister Menachem Begin Thursday and expressed optimism over the progress of the talks. "I am encouraged by this trip, and heartened by the feeling of commitment that I found here and in Egypt," Linowitz said before leaving for Washington. "I think we can look forward to progress in the months ahead."

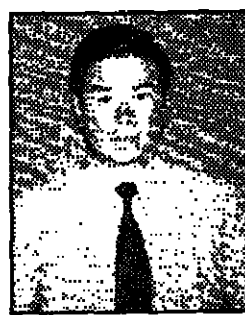
India, Bangladesh hopeful on talks

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14 (AP) — India and Bangladesh Thursday began talks here to end a border dispute that has erupted into almost daily firing but caused no fatalities so far. Both sides said a solution could be found soon. "This small issue, I am confident, can be solved speedily," said the leader of the Bangladesh delegation, Home Secretary M.M. Zaman.

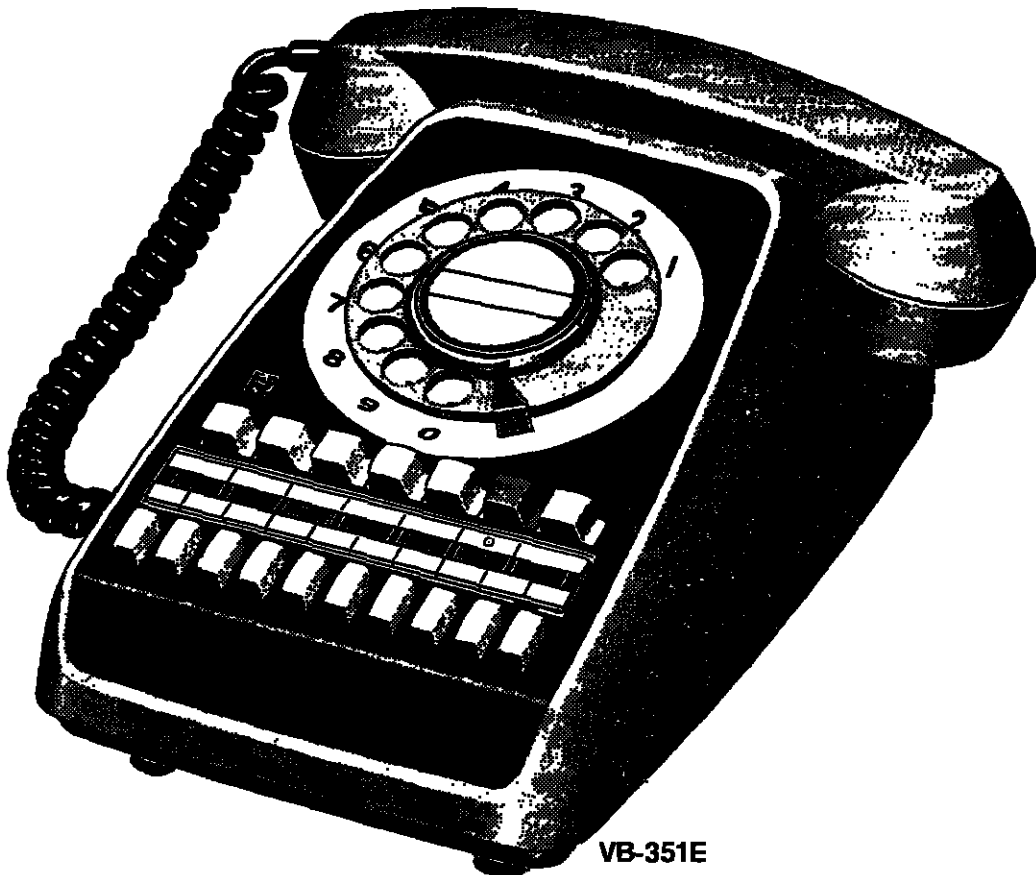
Huge drug cache seized in Jordan

AMMAN, Dec. 14 (R) — Jordanian police have made their biggest drug haul in seven years, seizing 750 kilograms of hashish worth about \$800,000 from a desert cache east of Amman, police sources said.

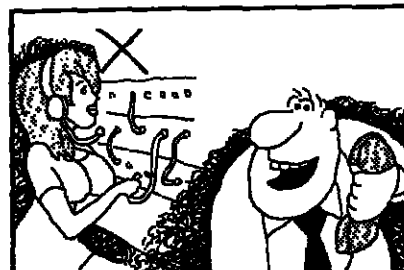
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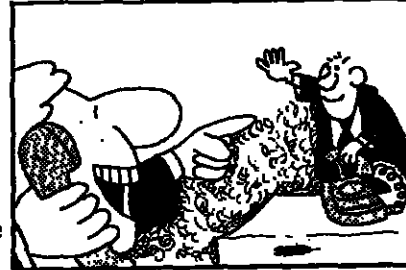
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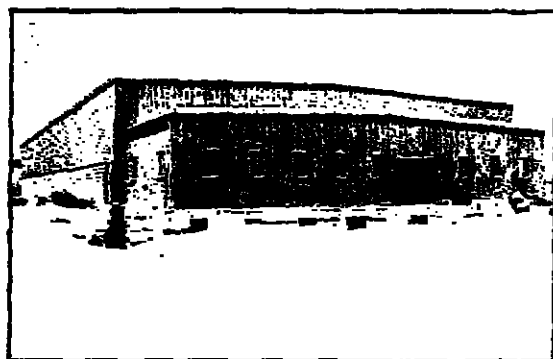
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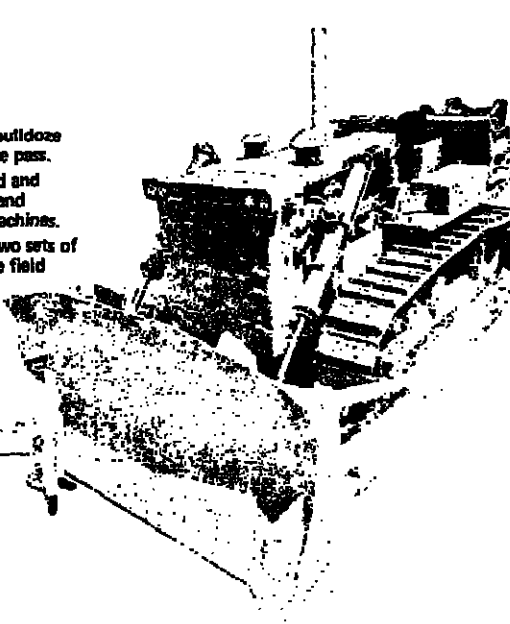
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Supreme Court affirms Carter has right to end Taiwan treaty

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP) — President Jimmy Carter scored a major victory when the Supreme Court removed the last obstacle to the termination of a mutual defense treaty with Taiwan.

The court Thursday ordered a federal court to dismiss a challenge over the termination of the 1954 pact brought by Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Arizona) and 24 other conservative members of Congress.

Termination of the treaty was a precondition laid down by Communist China earlier this year for normalizing relations with the United States.

Goldwater challenged the president's decision to end the treaty from next Jan. 1, maintaining that he needed the consent of the Senate.

He said he was disappointed that the court had avoided its responsibility of explaining the

law and pledged that he will continue to seek controls over the termination of treaties "so that our retaining allies will not be deserted as Taiwan."

The court voted 7-2 against hearing arguments that the United States Constitution requires the president to get congressional approval before ending a treaty.

In refusing to hear the case, the court did not address the constitutionality of Carter's action. The seven justices who voted against the Goldwater group did so for differing reasons.

The court's official statement came in a one-paragraph order. It sent the case back to a federal trial judge "with directions to dismiss the complaint" by Goldwater's lawyers.

Justice Lewis Powell Jr. wrote a brief concurring opinion in which he said the case was "not ripe for judicial review."

Justice William Rehnquist,

joined by Chief Justice Warren Burger and Justices Potter Stewart and John Paul Stevens, said the issue was a "political question" that should not be considered by the high court.

Justice William Brennan Jr. voted to affirm an appeals court ruling that said Carter was authorized to end the treaty on his own. Justice Thurgood Marshall concurred in the court's action but did not explain his reasons.

Only Justices Byron White and Harry Blackmun said the Goldwater group should have a chance to argue its case.

The case was appealed to the supreme court after the U.S. Court of Appeals turned down the Goldwater argument.

Earlier, a U.S. District Court judge had ruled in favor of Goldwater saying that his reading of the constitution indicated the treaty could be ended only if two-



President Carter

thirds of the Senate or a majority of both houses concurred.

Lawyers for the Goldwater group sought speedy supreme court review of what they called "an important and unprecedented allocation of constitutional powers between the executive and legislative branches of the federal government."

"No other president has claimed such authority. No other court has ever asserted that he possesses it. The singular gravity of the question ... cannot be swept under the rug," the appeal argued.

South Africa blasts U.N. over Namibia

PRETORIA, Dec. 14 (R) — South African Prime Minister P. W. Botha has launched a furious wide-ranging attack on the United Nations, describing the organization as a menace to southern Africa.

Botha was reacting Thursday to 24 resolutions adopted by the U.N. General Assembly Wednesday criticizing South Africa's domestic racial policy and its control over Namibia.

The statement released in Pretoria rejected the resolutions which it said "maliciously support strife rather than seeking genuine and constructive solutions and which together amount to no more than political maneuvering to bring pressure to bear on South Africa."

The Prime Minister said the U.N. was becoming increasingly irrelevant for the future of south-



Premier Botha

ern Africa. The role the United Nations has chosen for itself ... is at present not only redundant in southern Africa but a menace."

Botha said. He said the U.N.'s Apartheid Committee was a chamber of horrors which "compiles a compendium of half-truths, innuendoes, disparagement and vilification."

He accused the U.N. of double standards on human rights saying, "Many (U.N. members) that propagate human rights do not provide their own peoples with the fundamental necessities of life."

New cabinet announced

Hardline generals win Seoul power struggle

SEOUL, Dec. 14 (AP) — President Choi Kyu-hah announced his new cabinet Friday with top military figures in key positions, clearly indicating the newly emerged hardline generals have become the power-brokers in South Korea.

The hardlines, who arrested nearly a dozen moderate generals Wednesday night, had reportedly wanted their people in the important home, justice and defense ministries — and that's exactly what they got.

Gen. Choo Young-bok, until recently air force chief of staff, was named to head the defense ministry. He replaces defense minister Ro Jae-hyun, who had been expected to stay on before the military shakeup but was dropped because he was too closely associated with former martial law commander Gen. Chung Seung-hwa, the leader of the moderate faction, sources said.

Gen. Kim Chong-hwan, the present chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, takes over the powerful home ministry which controls the national police and all provincial governments.

Paik Sang-gi, a former government prosecutor who is currently on the central election committee and was a supporter of assassinated President Park Chung-hee, was appointed to head the justice ministry.

Presidential spokesman Sun Ki-won announced the 18-member cabinet headed by Prime Minister Shic Hyon-hwak, who received his formal appointment earlier in the day from Choi. Two posts of minister-without-portfolio, usually held by lawmakers from Park's ruling Democratic Republican Party, were left vacant.

Since Wednesday night's military power struggle, Choi has made no public appearances and his

spokesman said he did not plan to issue any statements. Choi apparently had no advance knowledge of the shakeup and seems to have taken a back seat to the hardliners in the last two days.

After nearly 19 years of Park's authoritarian rule, Choi's government had been moving toward democratic reform in recent weeks. Since the emergence of the hardline bloc, led by defense security commander Gen. Choo Doo-hwan, Koreans have been asking whether the democratic trend will continue, be slowed down or possibly halted.

Presidential spokesman Sun said, "The government has tried to refresh the minds of the people through this cabinet shakeup. The government tried to pick new cabinet ministers from within the government, where possible, and also tried to pick new faces. The shakeup also placed emphasis on overcoming the economic difficulties the country is facing."

Fleeing Cubans brave bullets to enter embassy

HAVANA, Dec. 14 (R) — A truck forced its way into the grounds of the Venezuelan ambassador's residence in Havana Thursday amid a hail of bullets from Cuban police.

Eyewitnesses said at least one person was wounded.

It was apparently the third attempt this year by Cubans to gain asylum in Venezuela, after crashing vehicles into the grounds of the embassy or the ambassador's home.

Officials said last August that President Fidel Castro's government had agreed to let 14 people involved in the earlier attempt leave the country.

Refugees in South Africa

Tiny Lesotho plagued by insurrection

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 14 (AP) — The tiny African kingdom of Lesotho is embroiled in an insurrection, one which is often overlooked amid the conflicts of its bigger neighbors.

Hundreds of refugees recently have fled to South Africa, which surrounds Lesotho. There are unconfirmed reports of at least a score of dead in fighting between Lesotho's security forces and their opponents, mostly in isolated mountain regions in the north.

A Johannesburg newspaper reported earlier this week that opponents of the prime minister, Chief Leabua Jonathan, announced the establishment of a "liberation army."

Insurrection, mainly bomb explosions in public buildings, has simmered in the Belgium-sized territory since 1970, when Jonathan nullified the first elections held since independence

from Britain in 1966.

The chief, whose party won a pre-independence election in 1965, nullified the results of the 1970 balloting when it became evident that opposition, the Basutoland Congress Party (BCP), was defeating his Basutoland National Party. Basutoland was the pre-independence name for Lesotho.

Jonathan has ruled the nation since then with semi-dictatorial powers and an acquiescent parliament which he appointed.

Press reports here have linked the liberation army to the BCP, which has been banned since 1970.

Police have erected roadblocks in the rugged Butha Buthe region, near the northern border, where most of the violence has been reported.

Jonathan went to the region

recently and told a public rally that explosives used by BCP insurgents came from South Africa, an inference that Pretoria might be behind the new violence.

Foreign Minister Roelof Botha had earlier rejected such claims as untrue.

South African officials generally take a hands-off attitude to Lesotho, presumably because it poses no threat. Relations, however, are strained — both by Lesotho's frequent criticism of apartheid and by Jonathan's moves to open diplomatic relations with Cuba and Mozambique.

Most of Lesotho's people are subsistence farmers and their per capita income of around \$160 a year makes their nation one of the world's poorest.

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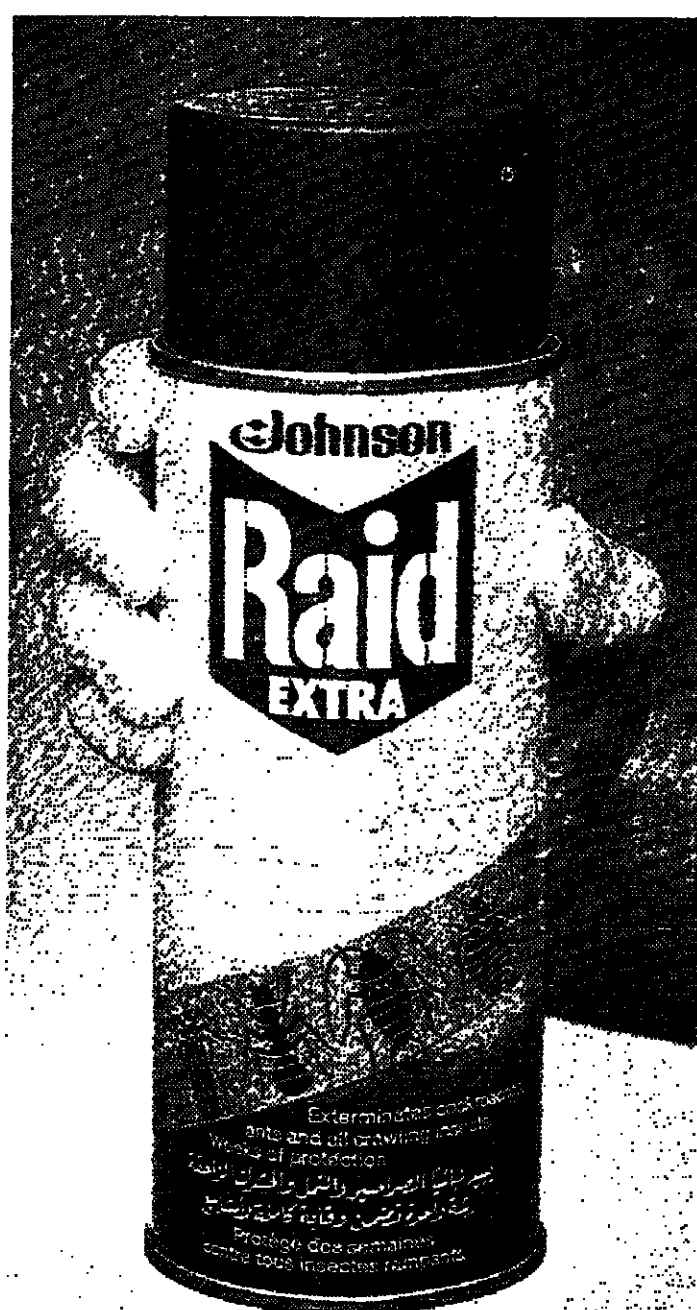
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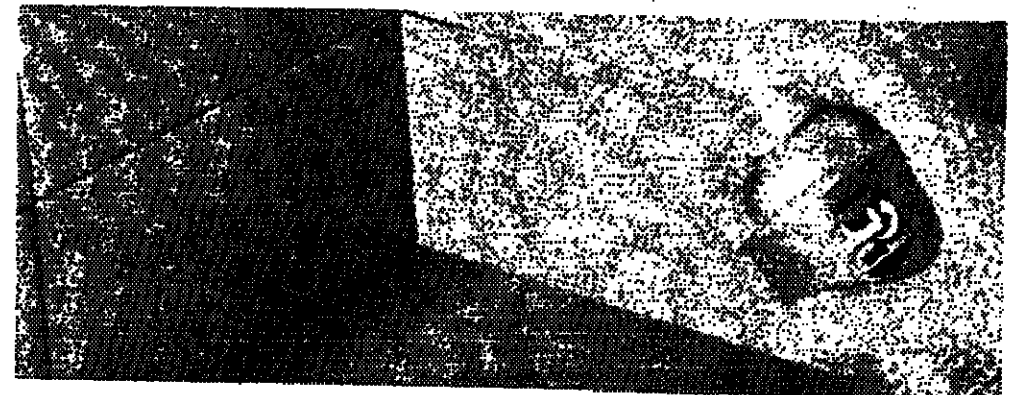
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Despite 156 by captain

Pakistan draws West Zone

POONA, India, Dec. 14 (R) — cistan skipper Majid Khan hit a low 156 but failed to force a position in the three-day match against India's West Zone which led here Thursday.

The draw was inevitable after cistan left West Zone the possible task of scoring 328 is to win in just 33 minutes and mandatory overs.

West Zone took up the challenge without much enthusiasm, ring 133 for one when stumps were drawn.

Ajiz's aggressive century was fifth of the match. In the first innings his team-mates Zaheer bas and Taslim Arif hit 110 and 1 respectively. The others came in West Zone skipper Anshun Gaekwad (119) and Ghulam Kar (117).

Pakistan built up their second total of 353 for six stumps because of West Zone's ding laces. Sadiq Muhammad (1) was dropped once and Wasim had two lives before he led 34 runs.

Ajiz was helped by a harmless stumps attack. He thrashed the ring, hitting three sixes in one by leg spinner Ranjit Hazare.

she undergoes heart surgery

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (R) — former Wimbledon and United States open tennis champion Chris Evert-Lundberg underwent heart surgery here Thursday and was reported in satisfactory condition. Evert was expected to return to the game in about 10 weeks. She suffered a heart attack in 1978 but said plans to return to the game.

West Zone bowlers struggled on an easy-paced pitch, only Yajuvendra Singh achieved some success, taking the wickets of Talat Mirza (23) and Bari.

In Perth, England's preparations for the first Test against Australia were disrupted Thursday by reports of a row between captain Mike Brearley and the touring side's oldest player, Geoff Boycott.

The row, reported by the local afternoon newspaper the Daily News caused England manager Alex Bledsoe to issue a statement stressing that harmony existed among the touring players and their comments to each other were "private matters."

The newspaper report said that Brearley and the 39-year-old Boycott, who has been involved in controversy most of his career, clashed over a request by the England captain for Boycott to help him inspect the Western Australian Cricket Ground pitch during a final practice session.

"I have given advice before and it hasn't been taken so far," the newspaper's cricket writer, Peter Sweeney, quoted Boycott as saying.

The incident was the first sign of strain in the England camp as they prepare for their first Test meeting at full strength against Australia in more than two years.

In Launceston, Tasmania, West Indies skipper Clive Lloyd starts his comeback after a fortnight of injury here in the four-day match against Tasmania, and he will be hungry for runs.

Lloyd has been out of the game since having exploratory surgery on his right knee in Sydney on Nov. 30.

After first round

Three share Costa Rica golf lead

ANJOSE, Costa Rica Dec. 14 (R) — PGA champion David Graham fired a three-under-par 69 to share the lead of the Costa Rican Amateur Golf Championship with John Fought and third-round pro Peter Jacobsen.

Graham shot 70 on the 10th hole and Country Club Course. Ray Floyd, Chi Chi Riquelme and Curtis Strange tied 1.

Graham's round was highlighted by an eagle three on the 499-yard eighth hole where he hit a three-iron second shot to within four feet of the cup and sank the putt. Graham started the day by driving into trees and thick rough on the first hole and taking a bogey.

His only other bogey came on the 355-yard 11th when he hit a short-iron to the left of the green and failed to chip close. He birdied

He now faces a race against time to prove his fitness and regain form before the one-day international against Australia in Sydney on Dec. 21.

Lloyd's injury forced him to miss the first Test against Australian Brisbane and last weekend's one-day game against Australia in Melbourne.

"I'm hoping to score a lot of runs because there are not many matches before next test," the 35-year-old captain said.

By 76ers

Milwaukee mauled again

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14 (AP) — "There's no doubt in my mind that we're in the midst of a major slump, and he can't seem to come out of it," said Milwaukee coach Don Nelson after his Bucks dropped their fifth straight game Wednesday night, 112-91 to Philadelphia.

"We're just not playing well," added Nelson, whose team holds a slim 1½-game lead over Kansas City in the National Basketball Association's Midwest Division.

Mercedes head African rally

ABIDJAN, Dec. 14 (R) — The four Mercedes entries in the Ivory Coast's Bandama Rally are maintaining their dominance, occupying the first four places well ahead of their nearest rivals.

Hannu Mikkola of Finland held on to first place Thursday, while Bjorn Waldegard of Sweden was second. Only 10 cars out of an original entry of 57 are still in the rally.



Sajid Muhammad

High Court lifts ten-year ban on Revie

LONDON, Dec. 14 (R) — The High Court in London Thursday lifted a 10-year ban imposed on former England football manager Don Revie by the Football Association for leaving to take up the managership of the United Arab Emirates team.

But the judge who delivered the verdict called Revie, "deceitful and very greedy" over the way he left in the middle of a contract as England manager.

He had set "a sensational, outrageous example of disloyalty, breach of duty, discourtesy and selfishness" which brought English football into disrepute, Mr. Justice Cantley said.

He was declaring the FA's ban on Revie taking part in English League soccer activities void with regret, as he thought there was a real likelihood of bias against the manager at disciplinary hearings. The FA clamped the ban on Revie in 1977 after he quit to take up a four-year contract in the UAE for a tax-free £340,000.

Bayern beaten in Yugoslavia

BELGRADE, Dec. 14 (AP) — Cvetna Zvezda (Red Star) of Belgrade edged Bayern Munich 3-2 (2-0) Wednesday but the German team advanced to the quarter-final of the UEFA Cup on aggregate score.

In Brussels, Belgium beat Spain 2-1 (half-time 1-1) in an Olympic qualifying match in Waterschei.

But calls him deceitful and greedy

High Court lifts ten-year ban on Revie

to lift the ban to enable him to take up a part-time job as consultant to the English League team, Leeds. The ban would also have prevented him from taking up a soccer job in England at the end of his UAE contract in 1981.

He told the court that he resigned as English manager as he

thought he was on the verge of being sacked and accused time FA chairman, Sir Harold Thompson, of being hostile towards him.

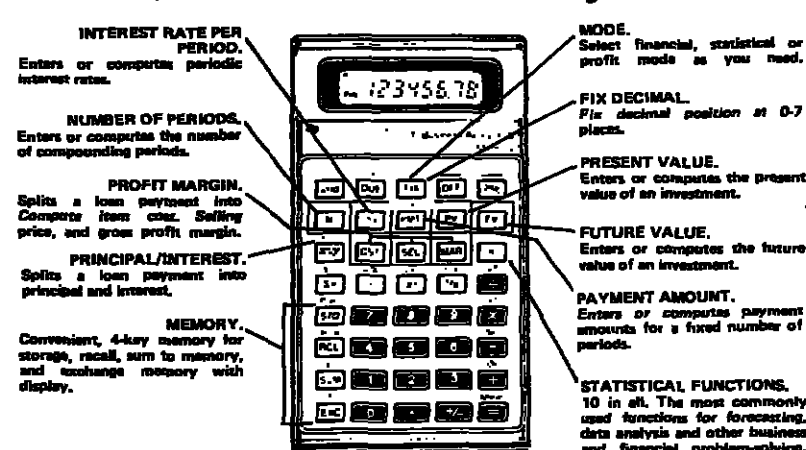
Revie's resignation at an important time in the England team's program of qualifying matches for the 1978 World Cup was a breach of contract, they said, and they lost

big profits by not qualifying. Cantley said Revie walked out without warning, leaving the FA to find a new manager quickly.

"In the event they found a good one, Ron Greenwood, and the English team has been better since Mr. Revie left, but it might easily have been otherwise," he said.

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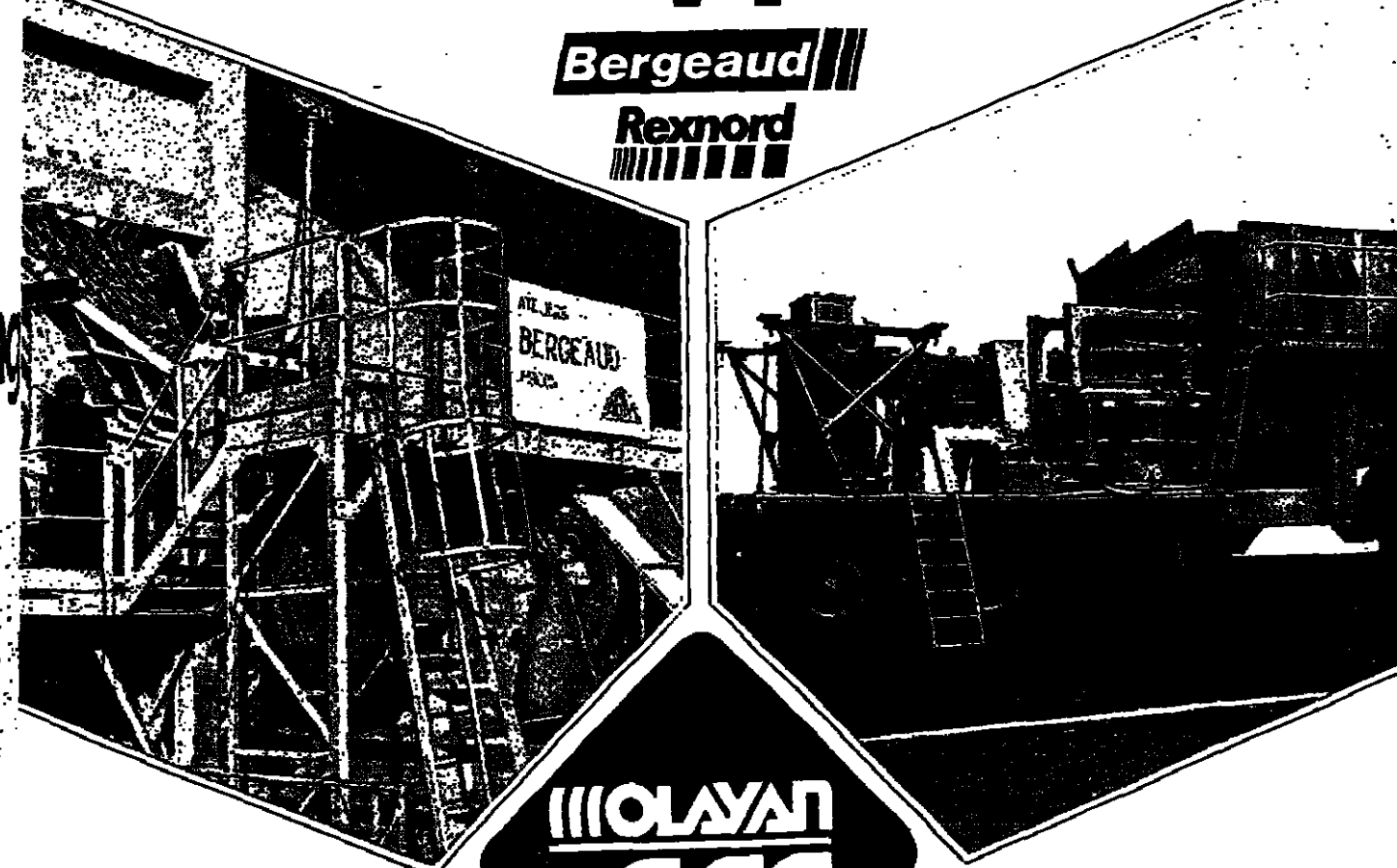
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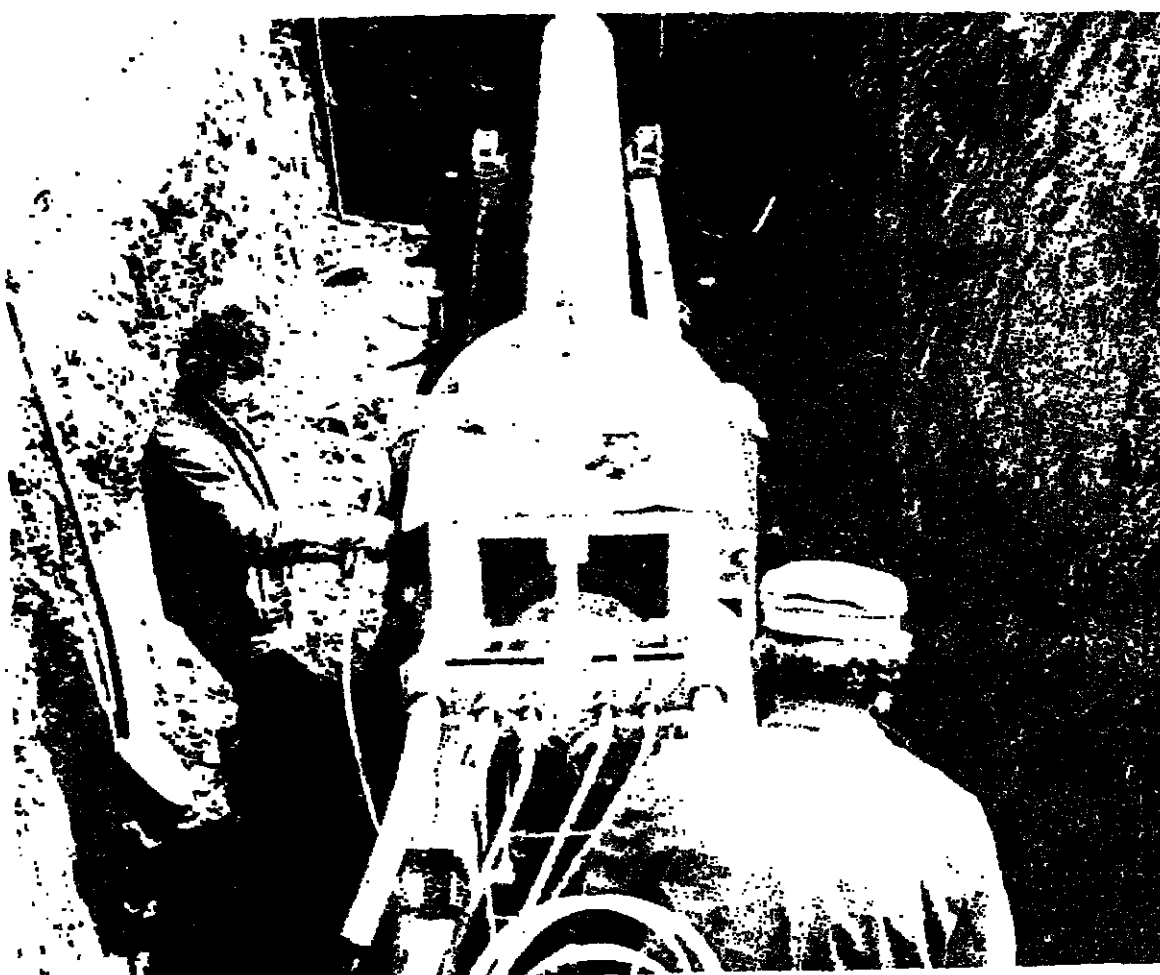
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CANADA'S VOTE

It would be an exaggeration to say that the Zionist lobby in Canada succeeded in destroying the Clark cabinet so quickly. The major factors in the Canadian prime minister's downfall are probably domestic, a combination of the internal difficulties the country is facing and the new prime minister's lack of experience.

The Zionist lobby in Canada was instrumental in bringing Clark to power. Their financial support for his electoral campaign was given in exchange for a promise to move the Canadian embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, with all what this implies in regard to Jerusalem's status. But the Arab and Muslim reactions which followed made it necessary for Clark to renege on his promise.

The lesson the Arabs learnt from this was twofold. There was firstly the realization of the powerful pressure the Arab world could exert on the international level once unity of purpose and resoluteness are achieved. There was secondly the wider implication: which is that the Arabs felt, perhaps for the first time, the sterility of their old world-outlook, in which the international community was divided clearly into those powers which were pro-Arab and those which were not.

The point is not of course that the Arabs succeeded in changing the Canadian prime minister's attitude regarding the situation in the Middle East. It was merely that the dynamic aspect of political reality, in countries always considered close to Arab arguments became realized. Such a country's politics, the views of its leaders, it was demonstrated, were not a matter cut and dried, but the resultant of a complex process of pressures and counter pressures in which the electoral promise or even the professed convictions of this party or that leader are only factors, and are by no means always the decisive ones.

The Canadian episode itself is not very important; but it provided an education in realism to many Arab countries. In fact, it was the growing realism of the Arab world itself in handling its most important challenge, that enabled Arabs to take a cool, calculating look at the world outside, and see it in other than the old Manichean light.

'THIS IS FUN — WHAT DO I GET TO PLAY NEXT?'



Morocco back on a winning course in Sahara

By Don A. Schanche

RABAT — A significant change of military strategy in Morocco's wearing four-year war in the Western Sahara has strengthened the sometimes shaky throne of King Hassan II.

After years of frustrating defeats at the hands of hit-and-run desert guerrillas of the Polisario Front and growing discontent over the way that the king was directing the war, the Moroccan armed forces have begun to overcome what only a few months ago were alarming deficiencies. In the process they have scored a series of striking successes.

The result has been a surprising upsurge in the popularity of the Moroccan monarch and a boost in pride and morale among Morocco's 18 million frequently divided and contentious people, many of whom were thought to be verging on revolt over calamitous economic conditions less than a year ago.

Despite renewed strength both in the royal palace and in the forbidding Sahara battle fields, however, there appears to be no end in sight to the costly, grinding war, in the view of most observers here. With continued supplies from Algeria and Libya, the 7,000 to 10,000 Polisario fighters, whose casualties reportedly have been replenished by recruits from the nomadic tribes of Mali, Niger and

Mauritania, appear to remain determined and highly motivated. Their struggle against Moroccan claims to the Western Sahara could continue indefinitely, unless a negotiated solution puts an end to it. Compromise — or even negotiations — is considered unlikely, however.

But military observers here report that Morocco's new strategy of drawing the Polisario into major battles and avoiding the old hit-and-run ambushes has bought time for the king.

Hassan has been king since 1961, when he succeeded his father, Muhammad V, who had ruled the northwest African nation since 1956 when the French and Spanish withdrew their half-century-old protectorates. Hassan has taken a generally pro-Western course in the affairs of his region.

During the early years of the war, which began almost as soon as Morocco and Mauritania assumed control of the old Spanish Sahara following Spanish withdrawal in 1975, the Moroccans adopted a strategy of what one of their officers called "the battle of a hundred points." Small garrisons occupied dozens of relatively insignificant outposts — reminiscent of the old desert camps of the Spanish foreign legion — where they and their supply convoys became sitting ducks for lightning raids by the desert-wise Polisario, the indigenous people of the Sahara who are seeking independence.

Islamic resurgence in Yugoslavia

By Peter Ristic

BELGRADE — Islam is in worldwide renaissance. But in some countries its resurgence is provoking acute anxiety. In Communist Yugoslavia — a country with well over three million Muslims on the doorsteps of Western Europe — officials seem to be taking fright.

Some Yugoslav Muslims have apparently been infected with a new spirit and the government is moving quickly to halt this in its tracks as well as any aspirations for political union within the Islamic world.

The focus of attention — and no less a personage than 87-year-old President Tito rushed from a tiring visit to Romania to a Muslim area hot in the news here — is the wild and beautiful Republic of Bosnia.

Set against the forested mountains, so typical of Europe and now gathering snow as the winter approaches, are the white minarets of hundreds of mosques — 100 just in Sarajevo alone. During the day the muezzins can be heard calling the faithful — and nearly half the population of the republic are Muslims — to prayer.

The considerable Yugoslav Muslim community spills over eastwards from the mountains of Bosnia into parts of Montenegro and Kosovo, where most of the population is Albanian. There are also Muslims in western Macedonia bordering Greece. Westwards are Christians — Orthodox and Catholic.

Except for the Albanians — and they account for a good number and think of themselves as Albanians — the rest are mostly southern Slavs. They are descendants of converts after the Turkish invasions which swept over the Balkans in the 14th century.

The Bosnian Muslims are special. They do not just feel as a religious community but as a nation as well. And in the 1971 census they were for the first time allowed to call themselves just this.

At this time they accounted for just 40 per cent of the population of the republic. Serbs were 37 per cent and Croats 21 per cent. In the 1981 census Muslims are expected to be in an absolute majority in Bosnia.

But now suddenly — just as the revolutionary students in Iran hold the American diplomatic staff captive and the Yugoslavs voice their disapproval — there are signs that the authorities are worried about the underlying situation among the Muslims in the heart of their country.

Revolutionary Islam and religious socialism had no place in Yugoslavia, so a special symposium earlier this month was told. Yugoslavs had to

oppose pan-Islamic tendencies.

This need hardly have been said — nor need the symposium have ever been called significantly in Bosnia — had something not been stirring.

And another Muslim speaker left no doubt that some Bosnian Muslim leaders had crossed the forbidden boundary into politics.

They were attempting to take over the responsibility for the national individuality of Muslims. They were using the term 'brother Muslims'. The inference to be drawn from this seemed to be: they were suggesting that Muslims in Yugoslavia, the country with the most colorful mixture of nationalities and religions, were united by religion instead of brotherhood.

But outspoken words at a symposium on the national question is not all that suggests currents below the apparently placid waters.

In recent weeks newspapers have entered the fray. Their question seems to be: How could some Muslims — and the religious leaders and Preparer are singled out — have the gall to interfere in questions or politics?

Immediately before President Tito's visit to the Muslim communities around Porc, meetings were held by the local people to protest at the behaviour of their religious leaders.

What this all adds up to is difficult for an outsider to grasp. But the open protest over the articles in one of the papers is unprecedented. It is indicative of the growing confidence and assertiveness of the Muslims in Bosnia.

"Something has happened," commented one baffled observer, pointing to the warnings over revolutionary Islamic feeling. "But I am not very worried."

There can be no doubt that the Muslims — and the authorities have favored them, — are feeling a growing sense of confidence, not just because of the granting of national status.

"There is a greater and greater interest in Islam — not just here in Yugoslavia but worldwide," said Džemal Salihović, the director of the 500-year-old Medrese (Muslim school) in Sarajevo. He shows an obvious pride in the fact that the school has not only been recently rebuilt and now has an Islamic faculty, but applications outstrip places two to one.

"Islam in Yugoslavia has no political aspirations," adds Professor Hamija Cemerčić of the newly-opened Islamic faculty.

But there is no doubt that all signs point to the Muslim community — and the authorities support it financially as they do other religions — in Yugoslavia growing in numbers and faith. They have a higher birth-rate than most other nationalities. — (OFNS)

Detente to survive the missiles controversy

By Werner Kastor

LONDON —

The Soviet leader, Leonid Brezhnev, proved two weeks ago that he had meant business when he offered unilateral withdrawal of Soviet troops from East Germany in exchange for arms control talks. Western journalists were invited to witness the departure of the first 20,000 Soviet soldiers and of 1,000 tanks.

The first contingent left Wittenberg on Wednesday December 5 aboard trains bound for Russia. On the same day a two-day meeting of Warsaw Pact Foreign Ministers began in East Berlin, resulting in a communiqué outlining the Soviet bloc's position towards last Wednesday's NATO Council decision on the modernisation of its medium-range missiles.

The meeting in East Berlin was one of the final efforts by the Warsaw Pact States to influence NATO, and the troop withdrawal was stage-managed to impress delegates to the congress of West Germany's governing Social Democratic

Party in West Berlin, who were to vote on the same issue.

As it happened, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt carried about 90 per cent of the congress vote in favor of his stance to build and deploy NATO's new medium-range missiles but to enter negotiations with Moscow at the same time.

The wording of the Warsaw Pact communiqué was conciliatory enough to leave the door open for negotiations on arms control in Central Europe. The Warsaw Pact Foreign Ministers warned against the acceleration of the arms race, as did Moscow's Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko when he was in Bonn last month.

However, Gromyko's stern statement that a decision by NATO to build the new 'Eurostrategic' missiles would destroy the basis for any negotiations on arms control has been significantly modified since.

The Soviet press has explained there was a 'misunderstanding' of Gromyko's press statement in

Bonn, due to translation difficulties. The East Berlin communiqué now says negotiations would become impossible if NATO's plans were realized. This means there are about four years during which negotiations can be conducted — the period between the decision to build the new missiles and their deployment.

Neither Gromyko in Bonn, nor the Warsaw Pact Foreign Ministers in East Berlin said a word about the Soviet SS-20 mobile missiles and the Backfire bomber which have been developed ahead of the new 'Eurostrategic' missiles of the West and are already deployed, according to Western intelligence reports.

The Soviet leaders have tried, by a mixture of persuasion, threats and pledges of partial disarmament, to strengthen the small minority of NATO leaders who favor postponement of plans to provide new nuclear weapons.

Norway, Denmark and Holland are inclined to talk to the Soviet Union first about arms control

before going ahead with the building of missiles. Chancellor Schmidt, however, like NATO's other 'big four' leaders — America, Britain and Italy — has taken the view that the growing superiority of the Soviet bloc has to be counterbalanced.

Last week the Dutch Premier Andries van Agt suffered a defeat in Parliament on the issue, and he may have to resign over his position on the 'Eurostrategic' missiles.

There are clear indications that detente policy will continue regardless of NATO's decision to catch up with the Eastern bloc. The East Berlin communiqué stresses the importance of SALT, and indicates Moscow's interest in beginning negotiations on SALT III as soon as SALT II has been ratified.

Further, Chancellor Schmidt and the East German party leader, Erich Honecker, have agreed to meet early next year. If a new cold war were in the offing, the two Germanies would hardly be able to continue such close co-operation. — (OFNS)

saudi press review

Weekend newspapers mostly led with King Khaled's meeting with a large group of citizens who called on him at the royal palace to offer their congratulations on the elimination of the trouble caused by the renegades at the Holy Mosque in Mecca. In a lead story, United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim was reported by *Okaz* as threatening to withdraw the U.N. Emergency Force from Lebanon if the Security Council's resolutions were not implemented in South Lebanon. *Al-Nadwa* led with a statement of the Ministry of Finance regarding the slashing of 20 per cent from the loans given by the Real Estate Development Fund for building houses for personal residence.

The Arab Information Ministers' conference in Tunis and a reported message of support from Senator Edward Kennedy to the Iranian revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini received front-page prominence in the newspapers. The citizens' demonstrations for the victims of the Haram incident, which have now reached

over SR 17 million, were prominently highlighted on the front pages.

Commenting on Crown Prince Fahd's assertion on the existence of "a splendid coherence between the leadership and the people," *Al-Jazirah* said that "all Saudi Arabians are one family closely attached to their motherland and the Islamic heritage. The blood of the martyrs will continue to remind that Saudi Arabians are capable of taking the risks for the sake of God and their King and country."

Referring to the malicious propaganda by the hostile elements, the paper said that would not affect the country "since it derives its strength from the Islamic Sharia which it applies in all its political, diplomatic and economic activities. It is only through this application that the Kingdom has played a pioneering role in international cooperation and has worked successfully for world peace and prosperity," it said.

The paper lauded the support

and solidarity Saudi Arabia has received from the entire Islamic world during the assault of the Holy Haram by the renegade clique, and expressed its confidence that Islam would continue to guide the conscience of its followers on the path of brotherhood, cooperation and solidarity.

Dealing with the solidarity of Saudi Arabians, *Al-Riyadh* said it was clearly reflected in the monarch's visits to the heroes of the battle who shed their blood to the Holy Place. The paper described the King's gesture as "characteristic of only a just ruler," and added that the King's meeting with his people "showed the nature of the closely-knit society in the Kingdom."

Al-Nadwa also praised the King's fatherly spirit toward his people and soldiers who took part in the elimination of the renegades from the Holy Mosque. It said "the King's gesture exhibited a grand example of mutual sympathy and solidarity in a society of one family."

The paper said there was no reason to express any surprise over the sovereign's visit to the wounded soldiers in the hospital, "because this kingly gesture has emanated from a deep-rooted Islamic spirit that binds the leadership to its people."

"The interaction of the leadership and the people has always been exemplary in every work and construction and progress, since they have worked as one man in overcoming hardships and resolving the problems that faced them," it said.

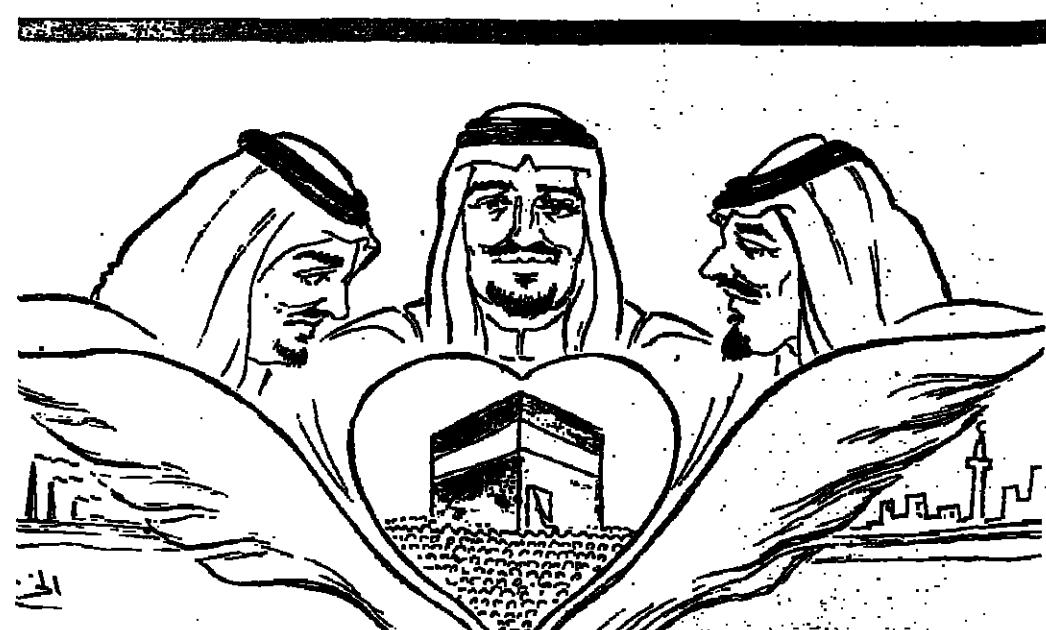
In an editorial of the people's congratulations to the King on the elimination of the deviationist group, *Okaz* said the people's reaction demonstrated the real nature of relations existing between them and their leadership and confirmed that the spirit of love and cordiality would continue for ever. The people are only acknowledging their leaders' role in the protection of the Holy Places and the dislodging of the mischievous gang from the House of God.

The paper added that the strong

cooperation and cohesion between the people and the leadership "represents a bright image of the future of this nation under a leadership that has dedicated itself to work for the happiness and prosperity of the masses."

Dealing with the Kingdom's keenness on the continued cooperation and consultation among the Arabs, *Al-Bilad* said that "this strong desire has provided it with an impulse to remain in constant touch with brothers in the Arab world." Such contacts provide a clear and specific concept of the work that the whole Arab community should be called upon to do to keep themselves abreast with all the eventualities, it said.

With this in view, the paper added, "the King sent messages to his brothers in the Gulf states to assure them that Saudi Arabia would continue to work to keep the channels of contacts open with all its brethren to provide further boost to mutual understanding and coordination in all the crucial issues."



— Al-Riyadh

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The Caliphate: its revival in the 20th century

By MADIHA DARWISH

The subject of our present inquiry has nothing to do with the Caliphate during the Islamic era: its origin, its theological sanction, or its historical background. It deals with the Caliphate as a tool for political Pan-Islamism.

The Caliphate has been one of the most serious problems since the beginning of the 20th Century to all people from different walks of life in the Muslim World. As yet, it has not found a solution. For this reason I have chosen the revival of the Caliphate in the 20th Century as the topic of this paper, since it concerns all Muslim Nations and, in particular the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia the seat of Islam. As such the Muslim World looks up to Saudi Arabia for inspiration and leadership and, most important of all, for reviving Islamic solidarity and identity.

The simple statement of the Turkish Grand National Assembly of 1924 that abolished the Caliphate and sent the Caliph into exile did not fully solve the problem. On the contrary, the abolition created a general reaction in the Islamic World, especially among the Indian Muslims. The abolition had been carried out from two different points of view, spiritual and political. Naturally both points of view did not pass without discussion in the Muslim World.

To prepare for the abolition of the Caliphate in 1924 and put an end to the religious arguments justifying it, the Grand National Assembly issued at the end of 1922 a semi-official unsigned document which had been prepared by a group of ulema under the direction of a member of Parliament. This document is very important because it expresses the religious argument upon which the Republicans based their abolition of the Caliphate.

This event was reiterated by an article published in the Egyptian daily newspaper *Al-Ahram* in 1923 by Abdul Ghani Suni, which argued that the question of the Caliphate was not a matter of

theology but one of Law.

Meanwhile, we must not forget that the outcome of the First World War (1914-1918) caused certain repercussions in the Islamic World. The subsequent discussions and agitations led to three main results, the first was the acceptance of King Husayn of the Hijaz of the oath of allegiance (Bay'a) to him as Caliph on March 3rd, 1924; both the Kingdom and the Caliphate came quickly to an end after his defeat at the hand of Abdul-Aziz Ibn-Saud the then ruler of Nejd region.

Husayn's act was encouraged and was prepared for by England since the beginning of the First World War in order to win the Arab leaders to the side or the British Empire against the Ottoman Empire. England found the problem of the Caliphate a very suitable game of hide-and-seek to play on with all parties involved.

As for the second result of the confusion created by the abolition of the Caliphate in 1924, we find that great Muslim writers and well known thinkers of the time published books and wrote articles and reviews in the daily press. The third result appeared in the Egyptian ulema's action who announced that the Caliphate of Abdul Majid the last Ottoman Caliph was not legal since the Islamic religion does not accept a Caliph in exile.

Thus they began to prepare for an Islamic Congress for the Caliphate to be held in Cairo in 1925, to which representatives from all the Islamic World would be invited. This Congress was encouraged and planned at the instigation of King Fouad, who was hoping to win the Caliphate for himself, but opposition at home and abroad rendered his claim a failure.

King Abdul-Aziz of Saudi Arabia seemed to be the most convenient person for the Caliphate. However, he believed that the time was not ripe either for himself as a King or for his State to try that cause. Although King Abdul-Aziz did not openly oppose the idea of holding a Congress in Cairo, he did not want to enhance the prestige of a rival. Ibn Saud, like many other Muslims

both outside and inside Egypt, was convinced that King Fouad was not the qualified and suitable candidate for the Caliphate, especially for the most important reason that he and his country were under foreign control. The resolutions of the Cairo Congress which met from 13-19, May 1926 were, in the main, negative.

In 1931 another Islamic Congress was held in Jerusalem under the supervision of Amin al-Husayni, Mufti of Jerusalem, but nothing came out of it. Since then the matter has remained unresolved, for which the nationalistic tendencies in the Islamic countries may be held responsible.

The last attempt at reviving the Caliphate was King Faruq's ambition to the claim when he aspired to possess the power of Qurayshi descent, but the idea was rejected locally by the Wafed party and externally by all the Arab countries.

Most scholars agree that the real Caliphate lasted only during the Rashidun era. Afterwards it became a form of despotism. Despite the weakness of the Caliphate, especially during the Ottoman Empire, it remained a symbol of Islamic solidarity and Muslim strength in the eyes of the believers all over the Muslim World. As a result, the Caliphate was an important weapon of resisting European imperialism in spite of its weakness.

Unfortunately the Caliphate had been already abolished, and all of those attempts which took place in the modern times to revive it were only attempts to win religious popularity among the Muslim people which would give more political power to the position of their leaders. As mentioned before, all of these

attempts came to nothing.

It does not necessarily follow that the dream of reviving the Caliphate cannot be realized. It can be realized if the Muslim World would become realistic enough to take into consideration the changing world circumstances. The Islamic World should also adapt the principles and conceptions of the Caliphate to the changing aspect of our times.

It must be added here that Muslim Nations should look forward to achieving Islamic solidarity, domination, and unity. Here comes the role played by Saudi Arabia as a unifying factor of the Muslim World and a leader of the Islamic faith. To achieve this goal, Saudi Arabia is working hard to live up to her responsibility necessitated by her unique religious position.

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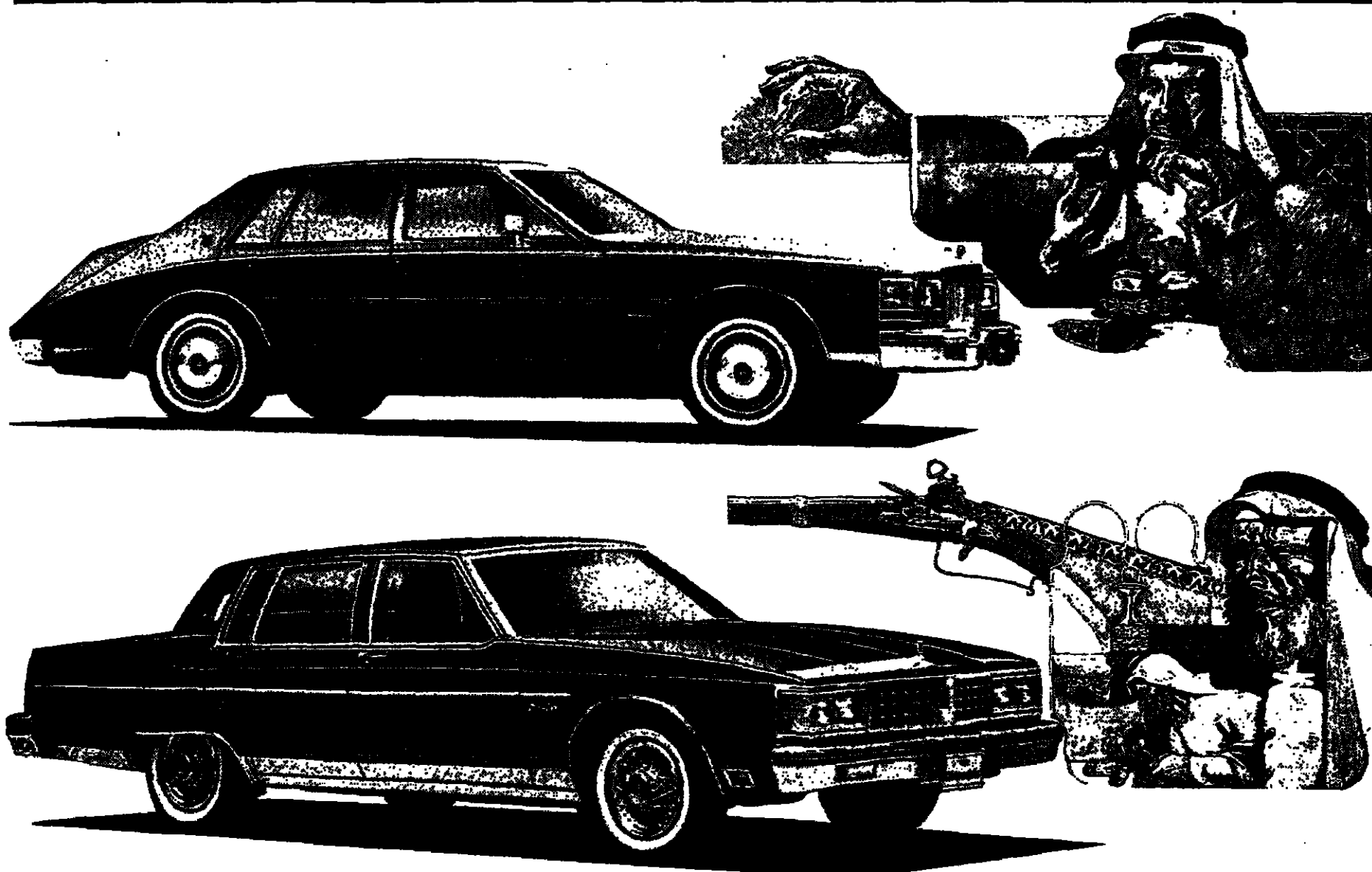


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Yen gets pummeling from rallying dollar

LONDON, Dec. 14 (AP) — The dollar firmed on the world's money markets Friday as the price of gold eased from Thursday's record highs.

Gold was quoted in morning trading at \$458 a troy ounce in both London and Zurich, Europe's major bullion centers. It closed Thursday at \$462.75, an all-time high, in London and in Zurich at \$459.

The dollar recovered sharply in Tokyo against the yen in the aftermath of Japan's worst monthly trade deficit this year. It closed at 243.10 yen, well above Thursday's 238.95 yen and more than 10 yen higher than Monday's close of 231.25.

The dollar's firmness continued in quiet European trading as the markets wind down in advance of the Christmas and New Year holidays.

OPEC fund for poor to be urged

ALGIERS, Dec. 14 (R) — Algeria has announced it will propose to the forthcoming conference of the Organization of Petroleum Countries (OPEC) that it set up a bank to help the world's poor countries.

The new financial institution, if accepted by OPEC oil ministers meeting next week in Caracas, will contribute decisively to a new international order, the Algerian news agency said, Thursday.

The agency said that existing organizations such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) are under Western control and do not

days. But dealers were still digesting the news of oil price increases by major producers.

Morning dollar rates in key Europe, compared with Thursday's late rates:

Frankfurt — 1.7375 marks, up from 1.7341.

Zurich — 1.6042 Swiss francs, up from 1.5973.

Paris — 4.080 French francs, up from 4.0660.

Milan — 813.55 lire, up from 812.50.

Amsterdam — 1.9155 guilders up from 1.9105.

In London it took 2.1975 dollars to buy a pound Friday morning compared to \$2.2068 late Thursday.

Tokyo currency dealers attributed the dollar's climb to the \$2.194-billion foreign trade deficit for November, "the worst this

year." Japan's import figures went up by 47.5 per cent last month compared to a mere 2.2-per cent rise in exports.

The Japanese Central Bank was reported to have sold dollars towards the end of the trading day in an attempt to prevent the American currency from rising too high.

Japanese traders said the dollar also firmed on reports that some members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) have decided to raise

World agricultural output falls for 1st time in years

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP) — World agricultural production dropped in 1979 for the first time in seven years, with virtually all of the decline occurring in developed countries, the U.S. Agriculture Department has said.

"Production in the developed countries, including the U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe, fell almost 3 per cent in 1979, while output in the developing countries held nearly steady," the department's outlook board said, Thursday.

Agricultural output dropped "in all major industrialized countries, except in the United States," including a 12 per cent decline in the Soviet Union's output.

In the United States, where farmers harvested bumper crops this year, agricultural output

climbed 5 per cent above the 1978 level.

Among the developing countries, output increases in East Asia, Latin America and Pakistan offset declines in India and West Asia, the report said.

Measured on a per capita basis, food production in 1979 declined 3.3 per cent from last year, indicating that population increases continue to put pressure on global supplies.

The 1979 declines in food output, on a per capita basis, were approximately equal in both the developed and developing countries, the report said. "Population continues to grow about 2 per cent annually in the developing countries while remaining constant or increasing minimally in the developed countries."

Looking to 1980, the report said economic activity worldwide "is expected to slacken."

Advantage seen in investment in common stocks

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 — As Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith sees it, common stocks are the investment opportunity for the 1980's. In the winter 1979/80 issue of *Investments for a Changing Economy*, a bimonthly publication of Merrill Lynch, the largest securities company in the United States examines the outlook for the market and the economy and states its case in favor of common stocks for long-term gains.

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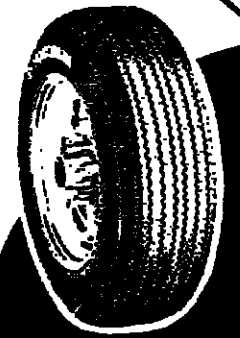
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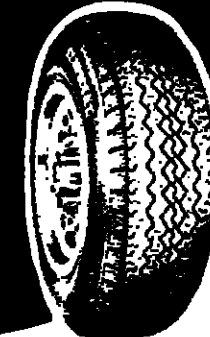
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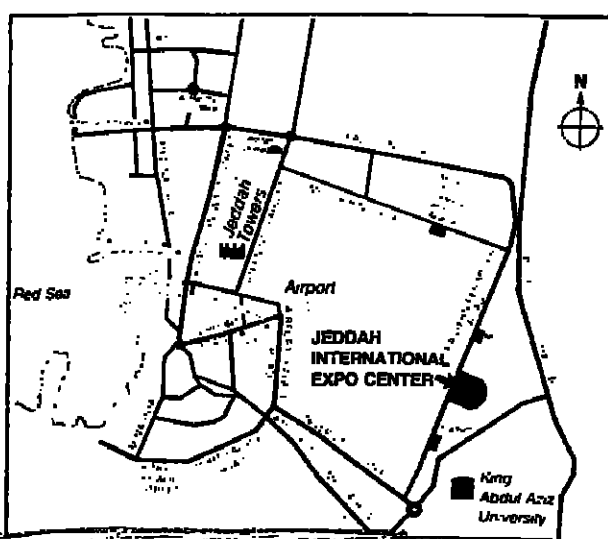
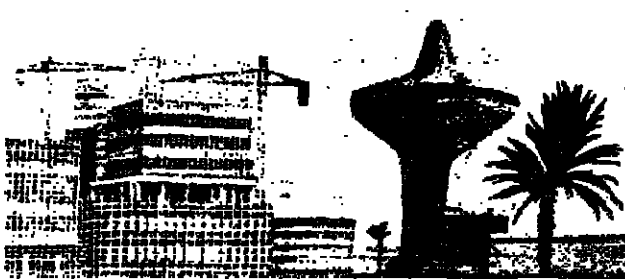
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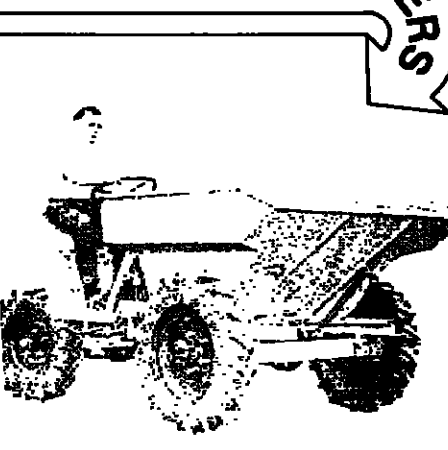
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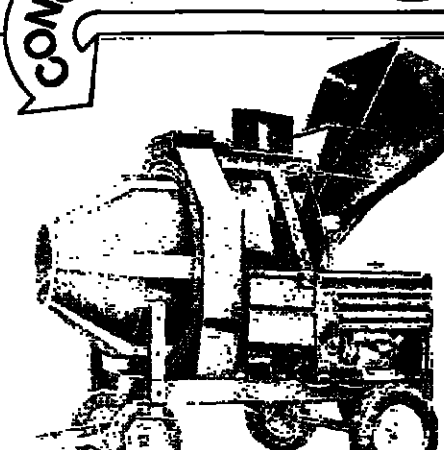
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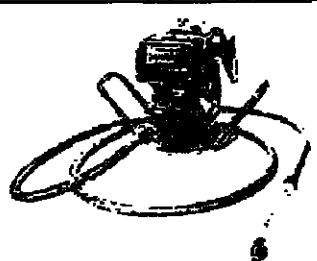


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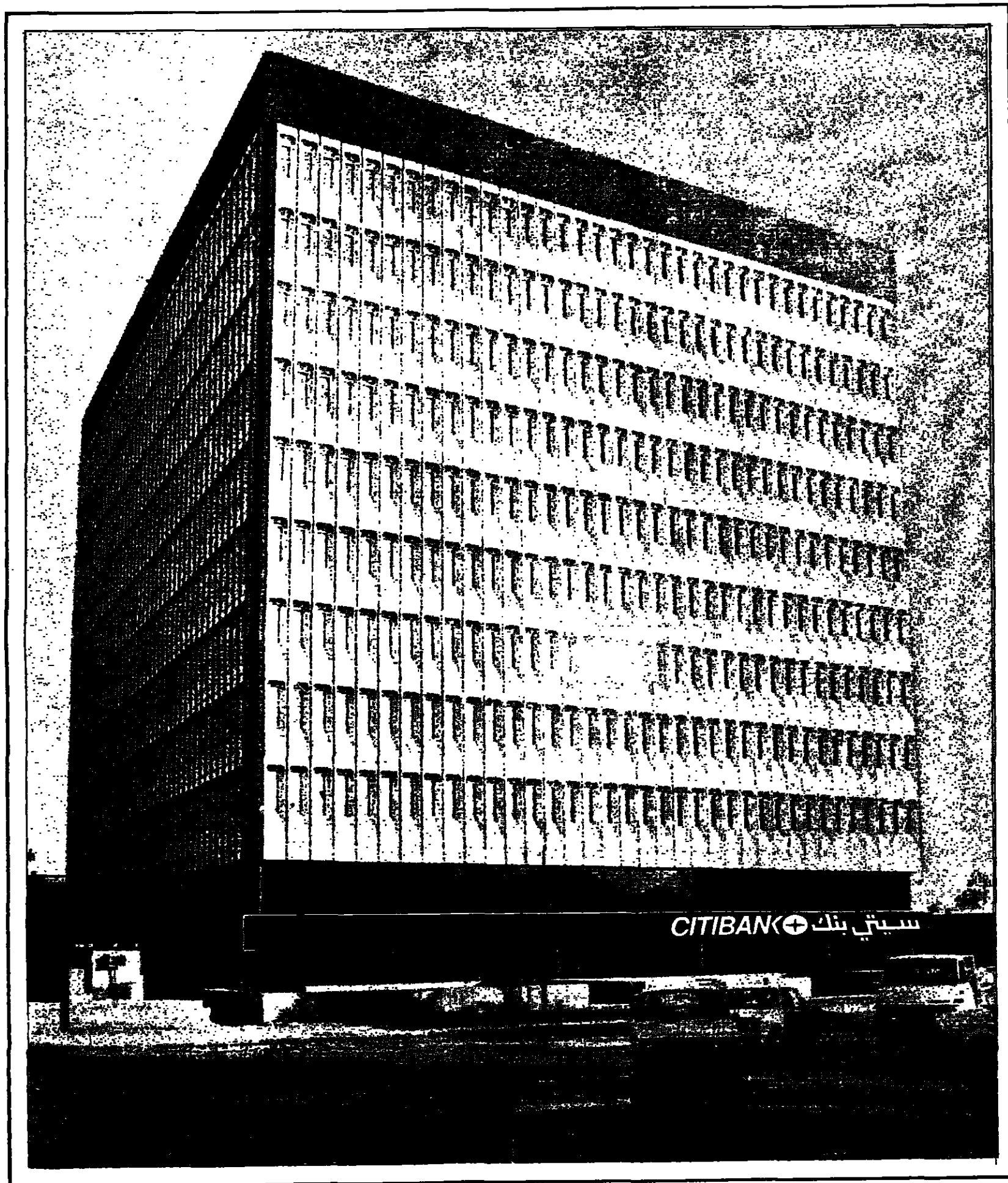
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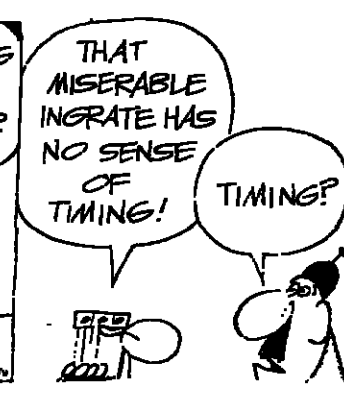
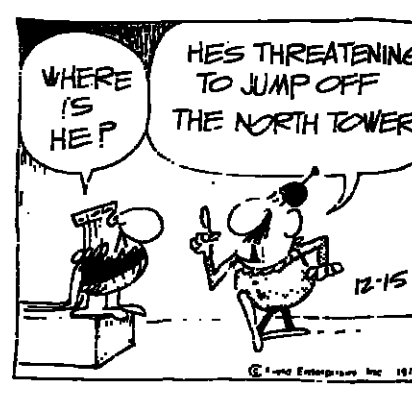
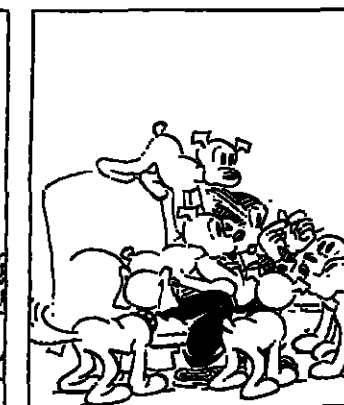
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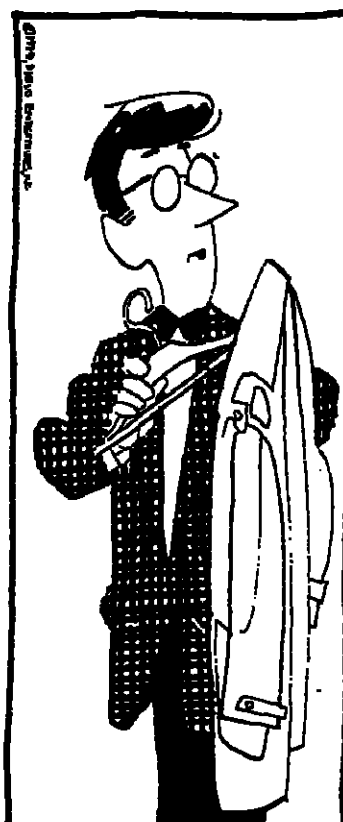
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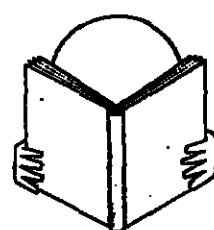
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International

No confidence motion passes

Canada to call new elections after Clark's fall

OTTAWA, Dec. 14 (R) — The six-month-old Canadian government was defeated in parliament Thursday night and Prime Minister Joe Clark is expected to call a general election for early next year.

The government fell by six votes, on a confidence vote on a tough budget it announced on Tuesday.

Clark, 40-year-old leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, was expected to resign at a meeting with Governor-General Ed Schreyer later Friday and to announce his election plans straight afterwards.

He said in a statement that he accepted parliament's vote but remained committed to the mandate given him in general elections last May, which installed him in power at the head of a minority government.

"The opposition parties refused to make this minority parliament work," he said. "I remain committed to the mandate Canadians gave us last May. I want to get on with governing Canada."

The government was toppled by 139 votes to 133 on a motion by the New Democratic Party (NDP) condemning it for breaking election pledges in the budget.

After surviving several votes earlier in the two-month-old session, the conservatives



Joe Clark

finally fell Thursday because the opposition was united, three of its own members were unavoidably absent and the five MPs of the Social Credit party — who had previously propped up the government — decided to abstain.

The opposition, led by Liberal Party chief Pierre Trudeau, was solidly hostile to the government budget for next year, and especially to planned rises in the cost of gasoline.



Pierre Trudeau

NDP leader Ed Broadbent reacted with an election-style statement, noting that Clark's party won only 36 per cent of the popular vote last May, and offering to provide Canadians with serious and direct leadership, which, he said, the prime minister had not given.

There was no immediate comment from Trudeau, who was prime minister for 11 years until his defeat last May. But senior Liberals said they were trying to persuade him to lead the party in the expected election.

Trudeau, stunned the nation last month by announcing that he was quitting as Liberal leader by next March because he felt a new party chief should fight the election.

But at that time, another general election was not expected until next summer or autumn at the earliest.

The Liberals have scheduled a convention for next March to choose the next leader. But there was speculation that Trudeau might offer to stay on for a fixed number of months or years to provide continuity.

Despite reluctance on all sides for an election campaign in the harsh Canadian winter, an election would probably be held in February, the coldest month.

The present 282-seat parliament, the 31st since the Canadian confederation was founded 112 years ago, was expected to hold its last sitting before dissolution Friday.

Party standings, slightly altered by deaths and by-elections since last May's election, were: Progressive Conservatives 136, Liberals 114 (including speaker, or chairman, James Jerome, who does not normally count for voting purposes), NDP 27 and Social Credit five.

The defeat of Clark's government in a parliamentary vote of no-confidence over budget proposals rounded off a year which saw him from virtual obscurity to victory over the charismatic Pierre Trudeau.

The man who was dubbed "Joe Who?" by many Canadian newspapers and magazines had held elective office only once and had led his party for only three years when he beat the Liberals after they had been in power for 16 years, 11 of them under Prime Minister Trudeau.

Kennedy hits Carter over Israeli aid

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (AP) — Senator Edward M. Kennedy is accusing the Carter administration of allowing U.S. aid to Israel to decline over the last three years and is calling for a \$350 million increase next year.

Kennedy, in a speech prepared for a New York fund-raising dinner Wednesday night, said he favored more aid to Israel "because it is in our national interest — and because it is right."

"Israel has never let America down. Now America must not deny Israel sufficient help in this time of need," he said in the speech text. Kennedy did not deliver the portions of the speech related to Israel, but his aides said later he stood by the text's positions.

The text represented the second time this week the Massachusetts Senator, who is challenging President Jimmy Carter for the 1980 Democratic presidential nomination, has emphasized a foreign policy issue of unique importance to a bloc of ethnic voters.

'Carlos' waging one-man war against his enemies

BEIRUT, Dec. 14, (R) — The Venezuelan-born guerrilla known as "Carlos" was quoted in an interview published Friday as saying his favorite method of execution was a bullet in the face.

He told the Paris-based Arabic magazine *Al-Watan Al-Arabi* that this was how he had tried to kill Lord Sief, the British Jewish millionaire whose family owns the Marks and Spencer chain of department stores.

Carlos, whose real name is Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, revealed that he went to Lord Sief's London flat in December, 1973, armed with a Beretta pistol and ordered the butler at gunpoint to call his master.

When Lord Sief came out, Carlos shot him in the face.

"But somehow he survived" said the guerrilla leader who in 1975 kidnapped the oil ministers of some of the world's richest nations in Vienna.

"When I decided to make another attempt and got the necessary arms, the man left London for Bermuda and never returned," he said.

This is the third week of a serialized interview by the magazine with Carlos, who was reported last week as saying he joined the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), in July 1970 after being expelled from a university in Moscow.

The interview with the 30-year-old killer, who is on the most-wanted list of Interpol, was the first he has given.

Carlos said he shot his PFLP contact Michel Moukharbel, between the eyes when his accomplice led French security agents to his apartment in the Latin Quarter of Paris in 1975.

Moukharbel had been arrested by Lebanese security men at Beirut airport before being handed over to the Paris authorities.

Carlos was quoted as saying that it took him six seconds to shoot two French security agents and then Moukharbel in the face. He managed to slip out of the apartment and evade French police.

Carlos said that he and Moukharbel took part in an attempt to destroy an Israeli El Al aircraft at Paris Orly airport in January, 1975. The rocket they fired hit a Yugoslav aircraft instead.

He confirmed his links with the Japanese Red Army and said that he cooperated with members of the Japanese guerrilla group in the kidnapping of the French ambassador in The Hague in 1974.

The operation in the Dutch capital was to force the French authorities to free a Red Army member who was picked up at Orly Airport in July 1974, Carlos said.

The French sent a plane to The Hague to take the Red Army man to the Middle East after Carlos threw a grenade at a cafe in the Paris quarter of St. Germain which killed two people.

Carlos said that in the same year he carried out operations against premises of the rightist French weekly magazine *Minute* and the conservative Paris daily *L'Aurore* which he said had Jewish connections.

At Brussels meeting

NATO plans disarmament package

BRUSSELS, Dec. 14 (R) — NATO Ministers end a week-long series of meetings in Brussels Friday by announcing a package of East-West disarmament proposals, Western alliance diplomats said.

The proposals include an offer to negotiate immediately on strategic missiles in Europe, an initiative in the talks on troop reductions in Central Europe, and a unilateral withdrawal of 1,000 U.S. nuclear warheads stockpiled in Europe.

Foreign Ministers will also spell out NATO's decision to build and deploy 57 Pershing-2 and cruise missiles in Western Europe.

The decision was taken during a special joint session of the defense and foreign ministers on Wednesday. It narrowly avoided a damaging split in the 15-nation alliance.

The Netherlands and Belgium reserved their position on the plan but did not oppose it.

200 dead in Colombia quake

BOGOTA, Colombia, Dec. 14 (AP) — Torrential rains prevented aircraft from delivering medicine, food and other relief supplies Thursday to earthquake-stricken areas along Colombia's Pacific coast where at least 200 persons were reported killed.

Search parties found the bodies of more victims of the major earthquake as they dug through tons of mud, trees, boards and other debris covering the remains of hundreds of houses. About 50 towns and villages suffered heavy damage, the Colombian Red Cross said. Six small fishing villages were swept away by a 3-meter-high wave that followed the earthquake early Wednesday.

As governor begins work

Salisbury shuts Nkomo offices

SALISBURY, Dec. 14, (Agencies) — Rhodesian police, technically under the command of new British governor Lord Soames, Friday closed down the offices of guerrilla leader Joshua Nkomo's Zimbabwe African Peoples Union (ZAPU), a police spokesman said.

Nkomo's followers briefly opened their offices in central Salisbury Thursday after a demonstration to protest against the continuing ban on ZAPU and its partner in the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance, the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) of Robert Mugabe.

Mugabe and Nkomo are both in London attending peace talks that have so far failed to reach agreement on a ceasefire to end the seven-year war.

The police spokesman said the ZAPU offices were closed because the organization is still banned. Lord Soames, governing Rhodesia with sweeping powers, has made clear that the bans on ZANU and ZAPU will remain until the leaders of the two parties agree to a ceasefire.

Cephas Msipa, Nkomo's representative in Salisbury, was questioned by police in connection with the rally and later released. Msipa said at least 10 ZAPU members had been detained after the demonstration, but police said no arrests had been made.

Nationalists had been expecting the ban on ZANU and ZAPU to be lifted once British rule was restored and the rebellion formally ended.

Msipa said he had contacted British officials about the likelihood of the ban being lifted.

"They said it would only be lifted when a ceasefire was agreed," he said.

A key stumbling block to a ceasefire was cleared Thursday when guerrillas relented to British pressure and disclosed the size of their forces.

British spokesman Nicholas Fenn said he was "confident" the talks would end in agreement later this week. But a Patriotic Front envoy warned that "serious issues" were still unresolved.

Lord Carrington, chairman of the 14-week negotiations between the Front and Salisbury's biracial government, was returning from a NATO meeting in Brussels Thursday night to map out strategy for clinching an agreement.

Fenn's optimistic forecast followed what were called "valuable" talks between Sir Ian Gilmour, Carrington's deputy and Front leaders Nkomo and Mugabe at Lancaster House.

It was there that the guerrillas provided Britain at last with details of the size of their forces harbored inside Rhodesia and in the neighboring "front-line" African states — Mozambique, Tanzania, and Zambia.

England strong in Aussie Test

PERTH, Australia, Dec. 14 (Agencies) — Lion-hearted all-rounder Ian Botham had Australia's batsmen on the rack here Friday, taking four Wickets to put England in a strong position on the first day of the first cricket Test.

At the close Australia were 232 for eight with Botham having the fine figures of four for 67 from 31 overs in a bowling effort that was mainly responsible for Australia's meager score.

Australia would have been in even deeper trouble without a fighting 99 by vice captain Kim Hughes who came to the Wicket when his side was struggling at 20 for three in the first hour of the match.

Meanwhile, Tasmania recovered disastrous five for 39 to be all out for 213 in their match against the West Indies here Friday.

In reply the West Indies were naught for 45 at close of play.

At the start of the day play was delayed 85 minutes because of heavy overnight rain and early morning drizzle.

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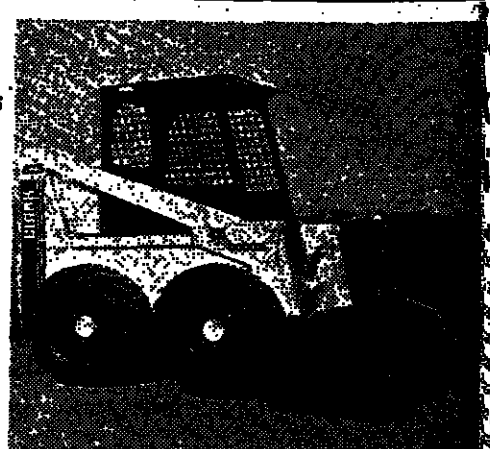
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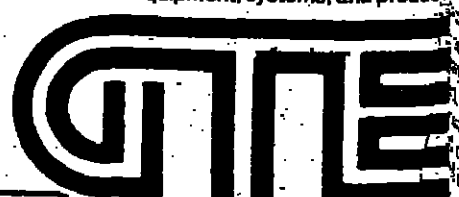
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